

SLAYER HELD IN 9 KILLINGS, CONFESSES 13

**Farmer Admits Murders
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**SLEW EIGHT WITH
AX AND SHOT SON**

**Prisoner Also Suspected
of Slaying His Brother,
Whose Widow Was His
Second Mate.**

Farwell, Texas, December 27.—George J. Hassell, who killed his wife and eight step-children and buried their bodies on his farm near here several weeks ago, confessed tonight to the slaying of a woman and three children in California three years ago. He refused to give the names of the California victims, however, or to state in what city the killings took place, police said.

Hassell was arrested following the finding last Friday of the bodies of his second wife and her eight children. He attempted suicide by stabbing himself in the chest, but is recovering from his wounds.

"Was Good Job," He Says.

"It was a good job, and I am well over now," Hassell declared in regard to the alleged California slayings.

Letters found at his home indicate that he worked for the Southern Pacific railway in California. He also worked for the Associated Pipe, Fresno, Calif. Later he joined the merchant marine corps as a cook on the west coast.

After this experience he went to Oklahoma and then moved to his farm near Farwell a year and a half ago, after having married his brother's widow. The brother was killed on a farm in Oklahoma while working in a field with Hassell, who reported that a mule kicked the brother to death.

Shot Son in Sleep.

In a statement to the police, Hassell related that his wife and seven of the children were slain with an ax on December 8. The oldest boy, aged 21, who was away from home when the others were killed, was shot to death two days later.

When the youth came home he was told by Hassell that the other members of the family had gone to Oklahoma. The step-father induced the boy to play cards and when the latter fell asleep, shot him. The body was carried to the shallow, dunes and placed beside the others.

Hassell was removed from a hospital to a jail today.

Hassell said the latest killings followed a quarrel with his wife over her eldest daughter. His wife had charged him with intimacy with the girl, he declared.

PAWN SHOP SETS RECORD IN LOAN OF \$2,700 HERE

The largest single loan transaction by any pawn shop, and one involving more jewelry, than any single deal that ever came to the attention of local detectives, was reported as taking place here last Saturday.

The loan was for \$2,750, while the articles pledged consisted of a platinum bracelet set with 37 diamonds and 74 blue sapphires, a platinum bracelet set with 100 diamonds and 30 blue sapphires, a platinum top bracelet with nine diamonds and six blue sapphires, a platinum top bracelet with nine diamonds, a gent's cluster ring of white gold set with seven diamonds, a lady's diamond ring with a two-and-one-half carat center and a lady's white gold ring set with three diamonds of about one and one-half carats.

Police state that the completion of this deal establishes a record for Atlanta and probably for the entire state of Georgia.

Santa Claus Is Still Here

Santa Claus did not leave Atlanta at daybreak Christmas morning. He is still here in spirit, if not in person, and you can find him at many of Atlanta's leading mercantile institutions.

More definite information may be obtained by reading the advertisements in this issue of The Constitution. You will see where the merchants are enacting the role of Santa Claus in the marvelous bargain sales now in progress. They are advertising seasonable goods that you want and need at prices much below the values of the articles. It's an outright gift to you.

Don't wait for some neighbor to tell you of splendid bargains, for that may mean that you are too late. Read every advertisement in this morning's Constitution, then act.

**ADVERTISING IN THE CONSTITUTION PAYS
THE ADVERTISER AND SAVES THE BUYER**

Floods Take Toll Of Twelve Deaths; Loss \$1,000,000

FLOGGING GIVEN STATE PROSECUTOR AFTER MOB TRIAL

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
Louisville, Ga., December 27.—The flogging of Wimberly E. Brown, prominent attorney, by more than a score of hooded men near Lyons, Ga., on Christmas eve was reported today to Judge R. N. Hardeman, who has ordered an investigation.

Brown, who recently assisted in the prosecution of men accused of fatally beating Willis Wilson for the alleged theft of syrup, is reported to have told his story to Judge Hardeman and to have exhibited severe lacerations on his back, but has declined to discuss the case publicly.

Guarded information supplied by supposed eyewitnesses is to the effect that Brown was seized in front of a drug store at Lyons just at twilight by a band of approximately 30 men, their faces hidden by hoods, who rode into the city in automobiles.

The attorney was taken some distance into the country, his clothing stripped off and flogged severely, after which he was returned to the town and flung from the automobile into the street in front of the drug store. All of the men charged with flogging Wilson were acquitted at the trial.

FOUR MEN ACQUITTED FOR WILSON DEATH

Willie Wilson was shot on July 6, evidence at the trial showing that the door to the Wilson home was broken down by a mob and that Wilson was thrown upon him. He was seen to be armed, and one of the mobbed men fired at him as his wife and children looked on. He died a week later at a Vidalia hospital.

Four men, Enoch H. New, Lucian J. Edfield, John Bruskin and T. C. Hayslip, Toombs county farmers, were charged with the murder of Wilson. The case was prosecuted by Solicitor A. S. Bradley, assisted by Wimberly Brown, attorney.

The trial was held before Judge R. N. Hardeman, who after the jury returned the verdict of acquittal, said: "If hooded men continue to parade the streets at a midnight hour, marauding and preying upon the public, and taking human life, the right men will be caught some time and then it will be my pleasure to sentence these masked hoodlums to hanging or death in the electric chair."

"The law does not provide for hooded men to sit in judgment in the dark to administer punishment which they have no power to give," he said. "As much as I hate immorality, intemperance and whisky, I would rather see an open barroom in every corner of the streets of my home county than a hooded organization that undertakes to administer punishment without trial," declared the judge from the bench.

21 BLUEJACKETS AND 3 SENTRIES VICTIMS OF POISON

San Diego, Cal., December 27.—(AP) Twenty-one bluejackets confined aboard the receiving ship Rigel at the destroyer base awaiting trial for court-martial offense and three sentries were taken to the naval hospital today suffering from ptomaine poison. None of the men is said to be dangerously ill.

According to Captain John Church, commandant of the destroyer base, the men were served tinned corn beef hash for breakfast this morning. A few hours later every one of the prisoners to whom the food was given became ill.

More Than 3,000 Refugees in Tennessee Are Given No Immediate Hope of Relief.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The known dead in three states as a result of the floods which have occurred in Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky and other states in the Mississippi basin, had reached 12 late tonight.

Six were dead in Arkansas, five in Mississippi and one in Tennessee.

Property damage estimated at a million dollars has been reported from the affected areas. Highways, railroads, crops, homes and business establishments have suffered heavily.

Rail Service Crippled.

Railroad service into Memphis from the northeast over the Louisville and Nashville line and from Mississippi over the Illinois Central lines has been badly crippled for the past 36 hours with no immediate relief in sight.

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Mississippi towns on the Illinois Central between Grenada and Durant are without train service. Duck Hill, Winona, Vaiden and West have been practically without rail service for 24 hours.

No relief for another day or two is seen for the isolated places on the L. & N. by officials of that road here but Illinois Central officials expected to have their service through within 24 hours after tonight.

**NO EARLY RELIEF SEEN
FOR 3,000 REFUGEES**

Nashville, Tenn., December 27.—(AP)—Three thousand flood refugees in the Tennessee basin of the Cumberland river, whose sudden rise has made at least 2,500 homeless in Nashville alone, were offered no immediate relief tonight, though the river at Nashville was stationary throughout the day at the 51.1 foot stage.

The official report of the weather

ATLANTA GIVES NEWERLARGER GAY OPENING

Brilliant Crowd Delighted With All Details of Magnificent New Legitimate Playhouse.

"VANITIES" PROVES FAST, GORGEOUS

Lou Powers, Bert Swor, Dave Chasen Head Fun-makers—Spectacular Production Given.

BY RALPH T. JONES.

Monday, December 27, 1926, is going to be an important date in future histories of Atlanta. For it marks an epoch, the beginning of a new era, the stepping out from swaddling clothes of the provinces into the full-grown attire of a metropolis.

Erlanger theater opened its doors to the public for the first time. Atlanta walked through those doors, took a look at the gorgeous playhouse she now owns, and gasped.

Then she gathered her skirts in one hand and strolled down the soft carpeted aisles with all the aplomb of a seasoned metropolitan first nighter. For that is just the kind of a girl our own Miss Atlanta is. She adjusts herself quickly.

After the introductory ceremonies necessary to such an occasion were out of the way, the curtain rolled back on Earl Carroll's "Vanities" in a presentation hardly expurgated at all since its New York showing. And again Miss Atlanta adjusted her skirts, settled back in the exceedingly comfortable seats provided, and applauded the sophisticated humor, expertly appraised the squadrons of feminine loveliness—practically unadorned and thoroughly enjoyed a show that was as metropolitan in flavor as were the theater and the crowd.

Crowd Proves Brilliant.

It is not necessary to try a description of the theater at this time. That has been done in last Sunday's Constitution. Suffice it to say that it met every anticipation, with the carpet and draperies all in place and with a brilliant crowd—as brilliant as any city could send out—filling it from orchestra pit to gallery dome. Manager Lewis Haase had the satisfaction of watching everything, from the first opening of the doors, to the final check-out and last "good night" move off in flawless fashion. There are, he says, one or two minor items to be finished yet, such as a drapery here and a French door there, but no one not an expert decorator could have found the unfinished spots last night.

The crowd, as stated, was superlatively brilliant. A catalogue of those present would read like a local

Recess Sounds For Uncle Ben Of Boys' High

Aged D a r k y Dies After
Thirty Years of Service
at School.

Bell in the highest tower has sounded for "Uncle Ben" Wright. He has gone out for his "big recess."

"Uncle Ben" himself would never have put it that way. He would have said that Gabriel had blown his horn.

But thousands of Atlanta school boys who have attended Boys' High school under "Uncle Ben" Wright's regime will prefer to think that the old dorky who died Monday afternoon in his little shanty at 101 Sims street, has just gone out for the big recess—the recess for which he sounded the long year in and year out for some thirty years or more.

Benjamin Franklin Wright, 65, to give "Uncle Ben" his full name, served faithfully as a janitor in Atlanta's school system for more than 35 years, and was at his duties up until the advent of the Christmas holidays, when he became ill at his humble home on Sims street, dying Monday night of pneumonia.

Beloved by the many students whose comfort he served as janitor in the old Boys' High school, "Uncle Ben" is remembered with more than passing affection by those who attended the institution, and even in the new school near the river car line where he was transferred after the burning of Boys' High, he leaves memories of one of the most genuinely faithful servants ever in the public school system.

Always considerate of others, "Uncle Ben" became a staunch landmark in the school system.

He was rewarded each Christmas by a shower of presents from the young students.

"Uncle Ben" was the hero of the Boys' High school fire three years ago. He turned in the alarm and exerted untiring efforts to save the doomed structure, although five hours' work resulted in collapse of the building into a mass of twisted steel beams and shattered brick walls.

Perhaps old "Uncle Ben" didn't care so much about keeping on living after demolition of the home where he had spent half of his life on duty.

Southern Bell To Spend Big Sum

\$29,700,000 To Be Spent
Throughout South During
1927, Officials Here
Announce.

The Southern Bell Telephone company's program for construction and replacements during the year 1927 contemplates a gross expenditure of more than \$29,700,000, it was announced Monday. This big program, which is for the nine southern states, follows an outlay of more than \$35,000,000 for similar purposes during 1926 and of more than \$24,000,000 during 1925.

It is now estimated that more than \$3,400,000 will be required in Georgia. Major items for which this large expenditure is to be made include: Land and buildings, \$304,000; central office equipment, \$738,000; exchange line projects, \$620,000; toll facilities, cable and reconstruction, \$625,000; routine work of installing and removing telephone stations, \$1,070,000 and station equipment, \$45,000.

There will be considerable construction activity in Atlanta, and it is estimated that additions and replacements during 1927 will amount to \$1,170,000. Of this sum, more than \$418,000 will be required for cable, conduit and other outside equipment to extend and enlarge the system to care for Atlanta's growth.

Among other big items for Atlanta are \$150,000 for central office equipment, \$544,000 for routine work of installing and removing telephones, and \$49,000 for miscellaneous projects. It is now estimated that there will be a net gain of 3,800 new telephones during the year.

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Washington, December 27.—The charge that paid agents here in Washington are instigating the Nicaraguan troubles was made tonight by Senator Borah, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee. He said they are involved on both sides.

Borah said in both instances the activities were inspired for business reasons. He declined to be any more specific.

Borah refused to name the persons he had in mind, although these have been bandied about in Washington gossip for several days.

Borah would only say that they were not Nicaraguans, that they were writing newspaper editorials for at least one Washington newspaper and that the same men have been making a living for years by such activities.

At the same time representatives here of the Sacasa insurgents said that a censorship has been imposed over their communications with the Sacasa forces in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua. The insurgents charged that the censorship was American.

The state department said they knew of no such censorship and that if there were any it could only be through the action of naval authorities in the neutral zone at Puerto Cabezas. The navy department said that there was no naval censorship so far as it knew.

Censorship Found.

The insurgents discovered the alleged censorship when after filing a message to their representative at Puerto Cabezas in Spanish code, they received this notice from the Postal Telegraph company:

"Message has been stopped at New Orleans and cancelled. Government censor advises can only accept messages in English or without any communication whatever since three days. Please find out the motive for this attempt. Please protest before the department of state that it is an insult that in our national territory where we exercise absolute control, American forces, abusing their power."

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16 Deaths Ascribed by New York Experts to Poisons Used as Denaturing Agents in Alcohol

(By Leased Wire to The Constitution and The Chicago Tribune.)
New York, December 27.—Poisonous Christmas liquor caused the death of at least 22 persons in this city over the week-end and landed 80 others in city hospitals with serious cases of alcoholic poisoning. There were 17 deaths in Manhattan. In only one was wood alcohol found to be the cause of death. Dr. Alexander O. Gettler, chief toxicologist in the medical examiner's office, ascribed the other 16 deaths to poisons used by the government as denaturing agents in alcohol and to the poisonous quality of freshly made "hoeh."

The figures issued by Dr. Gettler applied only to deaths in Manhattan. Five additional deaths were reported from Brooklyn and Queens.

Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical examiner, in commenting on the deaths due to alcoholic poisoning, placed moral responsibility for the deaths and for the death of those poisoned on the government.

"The government knows that it is

Here Comes 2 Wives Wed Bride, There By Same Man Goes Baggage End Quarrel

Atlanta Detectives Called To
Solve Strange Mystery of
Missing Sac de Nuit.

All the news of the holiday season in Atlanta has not yet been told. Came to light Monday afternoon the strange mystery of the missing sac de nuit, or "Who borrowed the bridegroom's baggage while the bridegroom was busy getting married to his bride?"

Oscar Wagoner was the groom. The bride was Miss Alice Jordan. The church was the Second Baptist, corner of Washington and Mitchell. The pastor, the Rev. Carter Helm Jones.

They say—who formed the intimate party of friends, relatives and disappointed admirers—that never appeared a couple more entrancing than the bride and groom strolling down the aisle on Christmas eve. The organ rolled forth its sonorous tones of Mendelssohn's marvellous wedding march. Lilies of the valley trembled in exultation on the gorgeous corsage worn by the bride as she stepped in perfect time toward the altar.

Oscar Wagoner had never looked handsomer.

It seemed altogether a truly perfect union of two souls into one.

Then came the denouement. There is always a hitch in romances which begin too gloriously—and the hitch had to come, for Oscar Wagoner and his radiant wife.

It occurred just outside the church door, as old shoes pelted upon Mr. Wagoner's topper and showers of rice rained blessings over the bride's veil. There was no response to the call for Mr. Wagoner's taxicab. It was gone, one with the baggage for the

No. 2 Leaves Fight for Condemned Husband's Life to Mate No. 1.

Dallas, Texas, December 27.—Two wives fighting for the life of one condemned husband have squared accounts with each other through a Christmas "council of friendship."

While Emmett Vestal lay on his bunk in a jail cell here with a sentence of death hanging over him, for the second time in eight years, the two women who had married him conferred and one agreed to withdraw.

Mrs. Vestal No. 2 today announced that she would return to her home in Queen City, Mo., leaving Vestal to wife No. 1 and her six children.

Vestal in 1918 escaped from a state asylum at Rock, Texas, to which he was committed after he had been sentenced to death for the murder of a tourist. He went to St. Louis, was married, became the father of six children, disappeared from St. Louis, again married and several months ago was rearrested and brought to Dallas to be sentenced. One jury disagreed on his sanity, another jury last week held him sane and he was sentenced to be electrocuted.

5 CHILDREN COME TO SAME FAMILY IN YEAR'S TIME

Knoxville, Tenn., December 27.—(AP)—When the stark delivered three boys at the home of John Johnson and wife here during the night John's family had grown to five within 12 months, as the famous bird, less than a year ago left twins in the home. The triplets born today have been named Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They are lusty youngsters, one weighing just under 10 pounds and the other two nearly 7 pounds each.

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SYKES BOY DIES, VICTIM OF CAR; MATHIS INJURED

Other Persons Are Hurt as Result of Series of Accidents Reported Monday.

J. E. Sykes, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sykes, of Red Oak, is dead and Grady Mathis, of 288 Williams street, is in the Grady hospital in a dangerous condition with a fractured skull and possible internal injuries and several other persons are bruised and cut following a series of street car and automobile accidents Monday in and near Atlanta.

Young Sykes, according to information given to hospital attaches, was seriously injured late Sunday night when an automobile in which he was riding plunged over a 50 foot embankment about two miles from Red Oak while riding home from church. He was taken to Grady hospital in the private ambulance of A. C. Heppner and sons, where doctors stated that he suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries. After a plucky fight for life he died at 11 o'clock Monday night.

Other occupants of the car, Joe Sykes, Miss Louise Monroe and a Miss Harper, of College Park, were uninjured. Bassem Jones had several ribs fractured.

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16 Deaths Ascribed by New York Experts to Poisons Used as Denaturing Agents in Alcohol

(By Leased Wire to The Constitution and The Chicago Tribune.)
New York, December 27.—Poisonous Christmas liquor caused the death of at least 22 persons in this city over the week-end and landed 80 others in city hospitals with serious cases of alcoholic poisoning. There were 17 deaths in Manhattan. In only one was wood alcohol found to be the cause of death. Dr. Alexander O. Gettler, chief toxicologist in the medical examiner's office, ascribed the other 16 deaths to poisons used by the government as denaturing agents in alcohol and to the poisonous quality of freshly made "hoeh."

The figures issued by Dr. Gettler applied only to deaths in Manhattan. Five additional deaths were reported from Brooklyn and Queens.

Dr. Charles Norris, chief medical examiner, in commenting on the deaths due to alcoholic poisoning, placed moral responsibility for the deaths and for the death of those poisoned on the government.

"The government knows that it is

Here Comes 2 Wives Wed Bride, There By Same Man Goes Baggage End Quarrel

Atlanta Detectives Called To
Solve Strange Mystery of
Missing Sac de Nuit.

All the news of the holiday season in Atlanta has not yet been told. Came to light Monday afternoon the strange mystery of the missing sac de nuit, or "Who borrowed the bridegroom's baggage while the bridegroom was busy getting married to his bride?"

Oscar Wagoner was the groom. The bride was Miss Alice Jordan. The church was the Second Baptist, corner of Washington and Mitchell. The pastor, the Rev. Carter Helm Jones.

They say—who formed the intimate party of friends, relatives and disappointed admirers—that never appeared a couple more entrancing than the bride and groom strolling down the aisle on Christmas eve. The organ rolled forth its sonorous tones of Mendelssohn's marvellous wedding march. Lilies of the valley trembled in exultation on the gorgeous corsage worn by the bride as she stepped in perfect time toward the altar.

Oscar Wagoner had never looked handsomer.

It seemed altogether a truly perfect union of two souls into one.

Then came the denouement. There is always a hitch in romances which begin too gloriously—and the hitch had to come, for Oscar Wagoner and his radiant wife.

It occurred just outside the church door, as old shoes pelted upon Mr. Wagoner's topper and showers of rice rained blessings over the bride's veil. There was no response to the call for Mr. Wagoner's taxicab. It was gone, one with the baggage for the

No. 2 Leaves Fight for Condemned Husband's Life to Mate No. 1.

Dallas, Texas, December 27.—Two wives fighting for the life of one condemned husband have squared accounts with each other through a Christmas "council of friendship."

While Emmett Vestal lay on his bunk in a jail cell here with a sentence of death hanging over him, for the second time in eight years, the two women who had married him conferred and one agreed to withdraw.

Mrs. Vestal No. 2 today announced that she would return to her home in Queen City, Mo., leaving Vestal to wife No. 1 and her six children.

Vestal in 1918 escaped from a state asylum at Rock, Texas, to which he was committed after he had been sentenced to death for the murder of a tourist. He went to St. Louis, was married, became the father of six children, disappeared from St. Louis, again married and several months ago was rearrested and brought to Dallas to be sentenced. One jury disagreed on his sanity, another jury last week held him sane and he was sentenced to be electrocuted.

5 CHILDREN COME TO SAME FAMILY IN YEAR'S TIME

Knoxville, Tenn., December 27.—(AP)—When the stark delivered three boys at the home of John Johnson and wife here during the night John's family had grown to five within 12 months, as the famous bird, less than a year ago left twins in the home. The triplets born today have been named Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They are lusty youngsters, one weighing just under 10 pounds and the other two nearly 7 pounds each.

PAID AGENTS BUSY FOR BOTH PARTIES, SENATOR CHARGES

Washington, December 27.—The charge that paid agents here in Washington are instigating the Nicaraguan troubles was made tonight by Senator Borah, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee. He said they are involved on both sides.

Borah said in both instances the activities were inspired for business reasons. He declined to be any more specific.

Borah refused to name the persons he had in mind, although these have been bandied about in Washington gossip for several days.

Borah would only say that they were not Nicaraguans, that they were writing newspaper editorials for at least one Washington newspaper and that the same men have been making a living for years by such activities.

At the same time representatives here of the Sacasa insurgents said that a censorship has been imposed over their communications with the Sacasa forces in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua. The insurgents charged that the censorship was American.

The state department said they knew of no such censorship and that if there were any it could only be through the action of naval authorities in the neutral zone at Puerto Cabezas. The navy department said that there was no naval censorship so far as it knew.

Censorship Found.

The insurgents discovered the alleged censorship when after filing a message to their representative at Puerto Cabezas in Spanish code, they received this notice from the Postal Telegraph company:

"Message has been stopped at New Orleans and cancelled. Government censor advises can only accept messages in English or without any communication whatever since three days. Please find out the motive for this attempt. Please protest before the department of state that it is an insult that

EDITOR'S SLAYER ASKS NEW TRIAL

Canton, Ohio, December 27.—(AP)—Counsel for Patrick Eugene McDermott in filing a motion today for a new trial contended he was convicted last week of the murder of Don R. Mellett, the crusading publisher, because of "passion and prejudice," aroused by "false, malicious and inflammatory publication in newspapers."

Absence of Judge E. W. Diehl from court prevented immediate consideration of the motion.

Prosecutor C. B. McClintock today checked up the costs of prosecution.

He discovered that since the Canton publisher was murdered, Stark county has spent \$20,000 in investigations. In the grand jury which resulted in the indictment of McDermott, Ben Rudner and Louis Mazer, and in the McDermott trial, the Rudner and Mazer trials are yet to come. Altogether the prosecution estimates more than \$100,000 has been spent in the inquiry, this including the amount spent by the county, by private interests, by the federal government and by the state executive department.

If McDermott's motion for a new trial is overruled, he probably will be sentenced to the Ohio Penitentiary for life before the expiration of the week. The jury convicting McDermott returned its verdict Christmas eve and recommended mercy.

FLOODS TAKE TOLL OF TWELVE LIVES

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bureau for early today showed a rise at every recording point on the Cumberland except Burnside, Ky., headwaters of the stream.

The crest of the headwaters flood was en route to Nashville, scheduled to reach here tomorrow or Wednesday.

Slow Rise Is Seen.

A slow rise at Nashville for tonight and for the next day or two with a stage of probably 52 feet was predicted tonight by weather bureau officials, barring material rainfall. The headwaters flood passed on through Clarksville and reached Eldridgeville, Ky., early yesterday.

The corps of relief workers in Nashville were given opportunity to relax some from the strenuous and heroic duty of rescuing the marooned with canoes and motor boats along the path of the back waters in lowlands, prepared to meet the main test tomorrow against crest waters.

As night was drawing near a careful investigation was made to determine whether there had been loss of life in the outlying flood areas.

Relief work was well organized and every possible comfort provided for the Nashville flood sufferers, who were housed in various vacant buildings, with friends and relatives, and their families were other household goods stored safely.

Half Million Damage.

Property damage in Nashville is expected easily to reach a half million dollars. At least five hundred additional will be made homeless here with a rise of another foot and many more blocks of the business section of

South and East Nashville will be flooded. At least 50 blocks now are under water.

Two hundred or more persons were driven from their homes by the flood waters at Clarksville and many at Hartsville. Late reports from Hartsville said that this little upper Cumberland city was believed to be experiencing flood waters higher than the crest of 1882 there. A newspaper correspondent was standing in water in his office in the postoffice building, to give his report on the flood and that every store in Hartsville except a drug store, and a hardware store, advantageously located, had been closed and many families had departed from their homes. No loss of life was reported.

Official weather bureau reports early today reported the Tennessee river above the flood stage at every recording station.

The Tennessee was 4 feet above level at Knoxville; 3.3 above at Chattanooga; approximately 4 feet above at Florence, Ala.; 2 feet above at Johnsonville, Tenn., and 7 feet above at Paducah, Ky., near the Ohio. No night readings were available.

MANY DEATHS REPORTED IN MISSISSIPPI FLOOD.

Jackson, Miss., December 27.—(AP)—Heavy rains that have sent rivers and streams in Mississippi out of their banks in the past few days began again late today after a holdup of two days and threatened to augment the loss of life and property damage that has marked the Christmas holiday period.

One man known dead have been reported in various sections of the state since Friday morning, five resulting from the flood waters and eleven from other violent causes. The Tombigbee river at Columbus reached a stage of 23.5 feet late this afternoon and property damage is said to be the greatest in the history of that section.

Grenada is isolated by the flood waters and damage is estimated to total close to \$100,000. The Big Black near Pickens is out of its banks and is sweeping away bridges and railroad tracks.

RIVER VALLEY FLOODS IN ARKANSAS EBBING.

Little Rock, Ark., December 27.—(AP)—Floods in the river valley of Arkansas were ebbing tonight save along the White river.

At Clarendon the stream will rise to 27 feet, the weather bureau predicted because of the expected rise of the Mississippi. The flood stage there is 30 feet but the former depth will cause considerable damage to lowlands below the city. Above Clarendon the White river will fall, it was predicted.

The Ouachita river stood at 30 feet at Camden tonight, according to report received here. This represented a slight drop from the crest of more than 38 feet reached Christmas night but water are still in the flood stage.

Six deaths, heavy farm land and live stock losses, disruption of motor vehicle traffic and considerable injury to railroads and embankments marked the overflows.

ALL FAMILIES REMOVED FROM DANGER ZONE.

Chattanooga, Tenn., December 27.—(AP)—While the crest of the flood will not reach this city until tomorrow, city officials and relief workers said tonight that the situation was well in hand and that probably all families affected had been removed from the danger zones.

Refugees to the number of about 150 have been quarantined in schoolhouses and food is being provided by the Social Service bureau, hence there

has been little suffering. Monetary losses are mainly confined to the cost of moving by the families affected and by the necessity for the industrial plants in the lowlands to remove their machinery.

Three street car lines have been affected by the flood waters, while highways leading to Birmingham, Knoxville and Nashville have been cut off.

TENNESSEE MAN DROWNS IN FLOODED HOLSTON.

Kingsport, Tenn., December 27.—(AP)—Fut Steadman, 45, employee of the Kingsport Press Publishing company, was drowned in the flooded Holston river here this morning and late today the body had not been recovered. Steadman was crossing the river in a small boat when it struck floating debris and tipped over throwing the man into the swift current. Heavy clothing and boots hindered his effort to save himself unsuccessfully.

"BIG BUSINESS" HIT IN NICARAGUA ROW

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er shall establish censorship in our communications. We have given ample guarantees to foreign property and it is therefore unjustifiable abuse of the sovereignty of a free people to land munitions."

Charges Follow Gossip.

Borah's charge that paid agents are fomenting trouble in Nicaragua for business reasons came tonight following considerable gossip in Washington. One version is that at a recent dinner party a guest formerly employed as special counsel in international litigation and at one time a member of the state department staff had said that he was writing editorials on Central American affairs for a Washington newspaper. Agents for the Sacaca insurgents said that this man had been employed as special Washington advisor by the Diaz faction but they were not prepared to prove the charge.

Borah said he had reason to believe that this charge was true but he was not ready to mention names at this time. The subject may be discussed more fully on the senate floor or in an investigation. The only details advanced by Borah were regarding the activities of the agents in Nicaragua.

One Washington lawyer who has been active in many Latin-American revolutionary activities in the past denied he was implicated in the present affair except to act as an intermediary for both sides. He said Borah was wrong in including the agents in his charge and that they had no one here except Dr. Vaca, their native agent, and his staff. The Diaz faction, he said had about 200 men in Washington working for them.

Sacaca Troops Disarmed.

Meantime a United News press dispatch from Managua, Nicaragua, reported that Sacaca troops and officials at Puerto Cabezas had been disarmed following the landing of American sailors and that Americans were in charge of the town which is the seat of the insurgent faction.

Previously Secretary of State Kellogg had telephoned Senator Borah to say that the American government was restricted to the protection of American lives and property and that they would not be permitted to interfere with domestic Nicaraguan affairs.

Press dispatches, however, hinted that the entire east coast of Nicaragua may be declared a neutral zone by Rear Admiral Latimer in charge of the neutral forces there.

A cable was received at the state department from Admiral Latimer advising that he had issued orders that if government forces are obliged to enter the neutral zone because of food shortage or because of any other emergency, they would be disarmed. This would indicate that the insurgents who had made this their headquarters also had been disarmed.

Latimer also reported a defeat for the Diaz government forces in a clash with the insurgents.

"At Pearl Lagoon," he said, "there has been a defeat suffered by the government forces and they have retreated to False Bluff. The government forces have left their wounded and dead out on the fields. The governor has been given permission to send an armed force out to bring in the dead and wounded."

BORAH WILL SUPPORT MOSES RESOLUTION.

Washington, December 27.—Senator Borah, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, is ready to assist in bringing about adoption of the Moses resolution to investigate the American policy in Nicaragua.

He said today that if Senator Moses, New Hampshire republican, wants his resolution adopted, he probably can get it through. Moses has not indicated whether he will push his resolution after congress reassembles next Monday.

The resolution offered some time ago, calls for all papers that can be presented without injury to the public interest and for a statement of the administration policy, and all information in support of its change. Mexico has been fomenting the liberal opposition to Diaz.

SACACA REMAINS AT PUERTO CABEZAS.

Managua, Nicaragua, December 27.—(AP)—Juan B. Sacaca, head of the liberal government set up in opposition to the conservative regime, headed by Adolfo Diaz, is still at Puerto Cabezas, where he was inaugurated several weeks ago. Reports reaching here

ADMIRAL IS PLANNING TO MAINTAIN NEUTRAL ZONE.

Washington, December 27.—(AP)—Steps to maintain the Bluefields neutral zone established under American naval control last October by agreement of the Nicaraguan conservative and liberal military chiefs were reported today by Rear Admiral Julian Latimer. Advice, however, were lacking as to developments at Puerto Cabezas, where marines and blue-jackets were landed last week to protect American lives and property.

Announcement by President Diaz that his government would regard the entire east coast of Nicaragua as neutral territory and withdraw its forces, which suffered defeat recently in action with the liberals, may possibly mean that these troops will take refuge within the Bluefields zone and surrender their arms to Admiral Latimer.

The Diaz announcement said the troops were to be withdrawn to Rama, up the river toward Managua. If the liberals should prevent this move, however, the only recourse would be to enter the Bluefields zone.

May Withdraw Forces.

The announcement may mean early withdrawal of the forces landed by Admiral Latimer at Rio Grande bar and Puerto Cabezas to protect American interests. This decision would rest with the admiral and be made on his information as to any danger still threatening. He notified the state department today that he had warned the commander of the defeated government forces that they would be permitted to enter the Bluefields zone only on surrender of their arms.

It was reiterated today that the Washington government did not regard landing at Puerto Cabezas as an invasion and all any in the Nicaraguan civil strife, but only for the purpose of protecting Americans. Secretary Kellogg was reported as feeling his duty to afford Americans in such circumstances every protection in his power.

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GOVERNOR HEARS PLEAS FOR LIVES

Governor Clifford Walker Monday heard pleas for commutation of death sentence imposed on Wade Johnson and Jarrett Benford, convicted in Jones county on a charge of attacking an 80-year-old woman and who were sentenced to be hanged. The governor announced no decision in the case. Unless he interferes the men will be executed at the Jones county jail at Gray, Ga., December 31. As the two men were convicted prior to the passage of the law substituting the electric chair for the gallows they will be hanged unless the governor grants a commutation.

One of the men was presented to the governor by W. A. McCallan, attorney of Macon.

The governor also was asked to commute a death sentence imposed on John E. Swain, Macon automobile mechanic, who shot J. W. Johnson to death and who is sentenced to the December 31 in the state prison at Milledgeville. After hearing the pleas Governor Walker took the cases under advisement.

Attorney W. O. Cooper, Jr., of Macon, representing Benford, asserted that Benford was not guilty of the crime charged against him. A plea of insanity was made in the case of Wade Johnson.

GOVERNMENT HIT IN LIQUOR DEATHS

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not stopping drinking by putting poison in alcohol," Dr. Norris declared. It knows what bootleggers are doing with it and yet it continues poisoning process, heedless of the fact that people determined to drink are daily absorbing that poison."

Dr. Gettler said that the autopsy performed on the bodies of the 17 who died in Manhattan showed that only one, a woman, died of wood alcohol poisoning, and that the others died from effects of drinking agents left in redistilled alcohol or from the poisonous effect of freshly made whiskey made from pure materials.

The government is now using two poisons as the principal denaturing agents, Dr. Norris said, pyridine and diethylthale. Bootleggers with improper distilling methods are unable to get these poisons completely out of redistilled alcohol.

SEVEN CHICAGO DEATHS ATTRIBUTED TO LIQUOR.

Chicago, December 27.—(AP)—Seven deaths attributed to alcoholism occurred in Chicago over Christmas, the police announced tonight.

Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, city health commissioner, said 95 per cent of the liquor brought to the city laboratories for analysis was found to be poisonous and estimated that 90 per cent of all the liquor consumed in Chicago over the holiday season contained poison in one form or another.

GOVERNMENT AGENTS SEEK NEW FORMULA.

Washington, December 27.—(AP)—Government chemists are hopeful in the near future of making industrial alcohol more distasteful but less poisonous through new formulae, but in the meantime the government is accepting no responsibility for any deaths resulting from the drinking of liquor recently.

It was explained that two per cent of wood alcohol is placed in the industrial alcohol but that this quantity would not be sufficient to cause death.

Assistant Secretary Andrews, chief of the dry forces, however, has desired to make the alcohol less poisonous but at the same time more distasteful so that drinkers would be quickly warned if they obtained bad whiskey and government chemists believe they soon will have some such solution.

from Puerto Cabezas are that all the liberal forces have been disarmed there and that United States blue-jackets are in charge. All the American interests including the Cuyamaca Fruit, Standard Fruit and five American mahogany companies having requested protection.

The civil authorities are functioning at Puerto Cabezas.

The announcement was made today that the entire east coast of Nicaragua would be made a neutral zone.

CENSORSHIP IMPOSED BY U. S. ON RADIOGRAMS.

New Orleans, December 27.—The United States navy has imposed a censorship on radiograms at two places in Nicaragua.

The privately owned stations at Braggman's Bluff and Rio Grande radioed tonight that "the United States naval forces have imposed a censorship, and all messages will hereafter be handled subject to decisions of censor. No messages in Spanish or code will be accepted."

These advices caused telegraph companies in the United States to inform all senders of messages to the sections of Nicaragua served by the Braggman's Bluff and Rio Grande stations that a censorship was in force.

Both censored stations serve territory in which the anti-Diaz forces are operating. No restrictions apply to other stations in Nicaragua in which the Diaz forces are dominant.

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'Disappearance' of Carol Proves Joke on Parisians

BY RALPH HEINZEN.

Paris, December 27.—Prince Carol, one-time heir to the throne of Rumania, has proved that even a former royal prince can disappear in Paris and enjoy a Christmas holiday while the world speculates on his whereabouts.

With Madame Lupescu, for whom he abandoned his rights of succession, he has shopped, played Bohemian and enjoyed newspaper accounts of his presence on the Riviera, in charge of a reactionary army headed by Bucharest. One paper even went so far as to say that he had abandoned Madame Lupescu.

The United News has gained access to a complete report on Carol's activities since Christmas eve, when he was lost to the world of diplomacy, statecraft and publicity. He has been under surveillance every hour of the day, and those who have watched him have seen to his safety just as they would that of any other notable visiting the city.

Carol has had a good time, and so has Madame Lupescu, and at no time has there been a chance that he would forsake her to gain back his royal rights in Bucharest. On Christmas eve, when he was reported throughout the world as having begun a trip back to Bucharest, he was with the bustling crowds on the boulevards with Madame Lupescu.

Later the apparently happy exile gave a novel eve watch party in his apartment. Fifteen persons, including Madame Lupescu, attended the party. On Christmas night the two chose the Latin quarter as their place of amusement. At a well-known restaurant they dined while the official recorder of their activities looked on.

Surveillance of the pleasure-loving Rumanian was not ordered because of fear that he might be assassinated, but because officials are taking care to keep well informed of his every movement while he remains the political storm center of the Balkans.

MILLIONAIRE OIL MAN DIES IN TULSA, OKLA.

Tulsa, Okla., December 27.—(AP)—Charles Page, 65, millionaire oil manate and philanthropist, died here today at his home in Sand Springs. He had been ill of influenza for about two weeks.

Making a fortune in oil after coming to Oklahoma in 1902, Mr. Page branched out into other enterprises and became known as the "industrial king" of the state.

He founded Sand Springs and devoted much of his time and money to building there an industrial community. He constructed the Sand Springs railroad and other public utilities and built a \$2,000,000 cotton mill which started this year.

He had been planning for several years to build a \$1,000,000 steel plant in Sand Springs.

In 1909 Mr. Page founded the Sand Springs home for orphans. One of the largest and best-equipped hospitals in the state is another monument to the memory of the philanthropist.

HERE COMES BRIDE BUT NO BAGGAGE

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honeymoon, gone with his old-fashioned red flannel night shirt, the extra collar and all the fair young man's trousseau lingerie.

And so a honeymoon that might have been spent at Niagara Falls, or New Orleans, or New York, or at Lake Geneva or Louisville, was passed in one of Atlanta's well-known downtown hotels. And think how Mr. Wagoner was saved of checking baggage all the way to Niagara Falls.

Who knows where, and imagine all the little odds and ends that Mrs. Wagoner can purchase for her kitchen with the money which will be repaid for the unused railroad tickets?

And then, too, after all is said and done, Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner's odd experience on their wedding night really does give detectives of the police force something to do these quiet days. Fancy the Sherlockian efforts which will be devoted to solving the mystery of the missing *sac de nuit*.

"Who borrowed the bridegroom's baggage while the bridegroom was busy getting married to his bride?"

SOUTHERN BELL SPENDS BIG SUM

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than \$2,500,000 throughout the state this year.

Telephone engineers now estimate that more than 7,200 new telephones will be added to Georgia's telephone system during the coming year, which will give the state a total of 135,900 telephones by January 1, 1928.

The increase in use of the long distance service will require the addition of 2,236 miles of new toll circuit, which will give the state 34,481 circuit miles and 4,714 miles of pole line at the end of 1927.

The big expenditure to be made during the next year is said to be necessary to care for the immediate telephone needs of the state, as well as to provide for the anticipated future growth. The magnitude of the program is regarded as an indication of confidence in the continued growth and progress of Georgia.

It was explained that the 1927 program is not as great as this year's because a number of telephone exchanges were constructed in 1926, thereby reducing the budget for land and buildings and central office equipment.

The company operates in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee and each of these states is included in the new budget.

The largest expenditures, the company estimated, will be in Louisiana, where additions and replacements will cost \$5,000,000, and in Tennessee, where \$5,000,000 will be required. More than \$3,000,000 each has been approved for Alabama and Florida, while more than \$2,000,000 each is included for Kentucky, North Carolina and Mississippi, and more than \$1,000,000 for South Carolina.

BODY OF MIKADO TAKEN TO CAPITAL

BY RODERICK MATHESON.

Tokio, December 27.—Japan's new emperor, former Crown Prince Hirohito, arrived at the capital today for the first time, on a special train. He was accompanied by the new Empress Noguako. Four hours later the deceased emperor's body reached the capital in a special funeral train.

An immense crowd greeted the new ruler as he appeared bareheaded, absolutely silent and with a complete absence of pomp. The emperor gave a military salute to the sea of bowed heads through which his automobile passed on the way to the palace. The streets were sprinkled with white sand as a purification rite.

The late emperor's body was slowly driven in a horse-drawn hearse three miles from a suburban station to the main palace, where it will lie in state for nearly two months. Two hours before the cortege arrived the streets were lined with troops and police, behind which was the populace, estimated at more than 1,000,000 people.

Police and members of the Young Men's Christian association carried paper lanterns, giving the procession the effect of a fete, which was denied, however, by the breathless silence of the mourning throng, the only sounds breaking the stillness of the night being the clatter of hoofs made by the cavalry mounts and sharp commands to present arms as the hearse slowly passed the various regiments.

The dowager empress, in the deepest

black, and a score of imperial princesses and princesses followed the hearse in automobiles.

The city now is in full mourning, and all holiday decorations have disappeared.

Savannah Man Held For Taxi Man's Death By Coroner's Verdict

Savannah, Ga., December 27.—(AP)—A coroner's jury this afternoon following an inquest into the death of Pate E. Rowland, taxicab driver who was found dead in a ditch on Thursday morning, found that he came to his death from pistol shot wounds at the hands of Harold Clarke and declare the same to be murder."

Clarke, who made a statement at the inquest declaring he had shot Rowland only after the latter had reached for his hip pocket following an argument over cab fare, was committed to the county jail to await action by the grand jury.

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GRAFT NOT PROVED, SAYS INDIANA JURY

Indianapolis, Ind., December 27.—(AP)—Corruption charges made against Indiana state officials have been given no substantiation in testimony presented to the Marion county grand jury, that body reported today. The grand jurors recommended, however, that investigation of the charges be pushed and suggested that the succeeding grand jury to be sworn in at the beginning of the new year should continue the inquiry.

Difficulty in obtaining witnesses and the unwillingness of some witnesses to testify were set forth by the investigating body as reasons why the inquiry should be pursued.

11 Weeks of Inquiry.
The report brought to a conclusion 11 weeks of inquiry into the corruption charges made by Thomas H. Adams, publisher of The Vincennes (Ind.) Commercial, and given nationwide circulation because of their sensational character and also because of the standing of their sponsor, Adams, a member of the Indiana Republican Editorial association, made the charges against men in his own political party.

The charges were based on alleged

corruption of high state officials by D. C. Stephenson, former Ku Klux Klan grand dragon. These officials in seeking Stephenson's political support entered into corrupt deals with the ex-klan leader, Adams charged.

Grand Jury's Report.
The grand jury's report to Judge Collins follows:
"Pursuant to your instructions of October 11, 1928, in which you instructed us that serious charges had been made against public officials through the public press by one Thomas Adams, as editor of a newspaper at Vincennes, Ind., this grand jury has examined approximately 200 witnesses in an effort to arrive at the truth concerning these charges.

"It is fair to say that these charges made against state officials have not been sustained by the testimony heard. If such testimony exists no one has thus far produced it. Certain documentary evidence was referred to in these charges. If such documentary evidence exists no one has thus far produced it. The grand jury so far as state officials are concerned.

"It is also fair to say that the investigation has been handicapped in many instances by the difficulty in locating witnesses, the disposition on the part of certain witnesses to leave the state when their testimony was desired, and the unwillingness of certain witnesses to tell the whole truth. The movements and statements of such witnesses have been of such a character as to invite suspicion and to seriously impede the progress of this investigation.

"Some witnesses whose testimony

would appear to be important have been at all times during the progress of this inquiry and are now beyond the jurisdiction of the grand jury. We feel that their testimony ought to be heard before any final report be made on this subject by this or any succeeding grand jury.

"In view of these matters and in view of conflicting statements of some witnesses who have appeared the grand jury has not been able to come to any conclusion which they care to publish in a report at this time.

"In view of certain testimony which has been adduced, however, we feel that the succeeding grand jury ought to continue the inquiry and we feel that with time and diligence a proper conclusion can be furnished. To this end, we recommend that the prosecuting attorney pursue the investigation during the coming months until all witnesses who have not been heard have had a chance to testify and in order that witnesses yet without the state may be produced and testify.

"Any other report than the foregoing will be impossible for the grand jury to return under conditions as the now exist in the grand jury."

The report was signed by Wilson Furnas, the foreman.

ERLANGER THEATER HAS BIG OPENING

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"Who's Who" and merely to list the distinguished friends this one commentator greeted before the perform-

ance, during the intermissions and afterwards would take too much space.

The details essential to comfort were perfect—heating, ventilating, efficient attendants, lighting and those big comfortable seats.

Eugene R. Black, president of the Atlanta Trust company, made a flawless little speech, in which he referred to the theater openings and congratulated Atlanta on, at last, coming into possession of a real home of the legitimate drama, music and comedy. He was through his remarks in a little less than three minutes.

Mayor Walter A. Sims accepted the theater on behalf of the city, in even shorter time, but no less happily, and then they both returned to their places and enjoyed the show as much as any of us.

For the show itself—has, as stated, a practically unexpurgated offering from the wildest spot on Broadway. They have left the humor as broad as Broadway knew it; they have provided as pulchritudinous a bunch of actors as anywhere in the city.

Not quite, for, as I remember the show in New York, costumes were dispensed with altogether in certain numbers, while last night there wasn't a girl who appeared with less than two shoulder straps.

Lowery Gets Laughs.
They have sent us Lew Powers, Bert Swor, Dave Chasen and others to provide the fun. And when it is stated that Lou, when on the stage, seems funnier than Lou, that Bert, on scenes as much laughter as either, you may understand how unrestrained the laughter was. Then, for laughs, perhaps, they have sent Harry Sharpe and John Kirke, who provided the biggest laugh on the performance, with their burlesque skits. If you watched carefully, wasn't quite such a burlesque as it seemed.

Jack Coyle was the principal straight, feeling his funny business the art which seems unadvised, while Lew Miller did most of the male vocalizing. His voice was sufficient for the songs, particularly when the chorus equipment of every number was such that 50 per cent of the audience used eyes instead of ears, anyway.

Perhaps first mention among the feminine principals should go to Mary Dowling. She is a peppy, snappy little bundle of pleasure, and stopped the show with her "Black Bottom" dancing, ably abetted by Bert Swor. It is, strangely enough, not a musical show. Plenty of song numbers, yes, but everyone used merely as the setting for girl displays. Opening with the "Rotisserie" number, where human "chickens" slowly turned on giant spits, through the "Fan, Pearl and Shawl" number, with "Neath Miami Skies," "Kinky Kids on Parade," "Dorothy" and the much-advertised "Gate of Roses," the spectacular portion of the show flowed smoothly to its finale dance ensemble. It can't be described. You can only go there, sometimes, to the end of the week and see it for yourself.

Opera Burlesque Pleases.
Good! Lou Powers has some new specialties to be talked about. His opera burlesque is clever and his work in half a dozen sketches is excellent, but when he wrestles, he knows tricks and holds the John Coates never though of. Picture Lou wrestling with a 165-pounder, who seems to really know how to wrestle. Can you see? And Lou's wrestling costume is indescribable, also.

Bert Swor works in blackface, white, black, white and back to black again. The washing up that man must do in the course of a week of night performances! But in either color, he is the same old Bert who used to be the main attraction with Al Field's minstrels. Bert, by the way, remarks that after working with an "all man" show for 15 years, he now sees how he wasted the 15. And incidentally, he is wearing blinkers. Wife makes him, says Bert.

This man Dave Chasen has a peculiar brand of humor of his own. He has been here before and, if you remember the way he signed with his outspread hand to his "cousin" in the balcony, you know him.

And we mustn't forget Louise Brooks. She is the main specialty of feminine loveliness and fills her job beautifully. Others who compete for the beauty headline spot are Jeanne Harris, Maura Vesta, Alice Edrique and practically all the rest of the women.

It is a startling show, ushering in a new epoch in entertainment values for Atlanta, just as Erlanger ushered in a new epoch in theaters for the city.

The spectacular and fun features can only be described as unrestrained—so leave your dignity at home for the balance of the week, whether you go at one of the five remaining night performances or either of the two matinees.

The new phrase is now launched—"Let's go to Erlanger."

**SYKES BOY DIES,
VICTIM OF AUTO**

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The driver, young Whitehead ran into the path of the automobile while playing with a tin can.

Graham Dyer, of 619 Cameron street, an employee of the Southern railway, was slightly injured Monday when knocked down by a hit-and-run driver, according to police reports. The license number of the automobile was turned over to officers, and the driver is being sought.

Several persons narrowly escaped injury when a northbound Peachtree-Brookwood street car collided with a southbound South Pryor-Federal prison car at Hunter and Whitehall streets at 2:10 Monday afternoon. Officials of the Georgia Railway and Power company placed blame for the collision on a faulty switch.

While the front platform of the Peachtree car was badly damaged and several persons shaken up, no casualties resulted and the tracks were quickly cleared, officials stated.

In Traffic Lanes.
The fronts of the two trolleys crashed when the automatic switch on the southbound track was thrown. Turning the Pryor street car to the left towards Hunter street, while the Peachtree trolley was crossing Hunter street on Peachtree. The collision occurred shortly after rush hour when traffic was not heavy.

F. A. Owens, motorman, and W. F. Thomas, conductor, were operating the Peachtree car, while R. R. Stranbridge, motorman, and C. M. Redwine, conductor, manned the South Pryor car. The South Pryor car turns to the left on Mitchell street, one block south of the corner on which the accident occurred.

R. N. Lowry, 19, of 232 Georgia avenue, received a fracture of the leg when knocked from his motorcycle by an automobile on Highland avenue near Greenwood. Lowry was carried to Grady hospital by E. W. Brooks.

The body of the Sykes youth was removed to the undertaking parlors of Harry G. Poole pending funeral arrangements which have not been completed. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Misses Edna and Elizabeth Sykes, and a brother, Morgan Sykes.

**SNOWSTORM SWEEPS
EASTERN SIBERIA**

Moscow, December 27.—(AP)—Eastern Siberia is being swept by the worst snowstorm in 70 years. Many casualties have already been reported together with a great amount of damage.

PROBE OF TRAIN CRASH COMPLETE

Findings of a committee on inquiry investigating the cause of the disastrous wreck at Rockmart of the Ponce de Leon and Royal Palm limited, two crack trains of the Southern railway system, are expected to be made public in a few days following a session of the probe's Monday.

Those on the commission were high officials of the railroad, members of the state public service commission of Georgia and representatives of the interstate commerce commission.

James A. Perry, chairman of the Georgia commission, said no details are ready for announcement, although the investigation has been finished. Testimony of more than a score of witnesses and experts was taken at the session of the commission Monday.

Mr. Perry said this evidence will be transcribed and submitted to both the state public service commission and the interstate commerce commission. He said it would be several days before it will be available for publication.

The wreck occurred at Rockmart last Tuesday, and 19 people were killed and more than 30 injured. R. M. Pearce, foreman of engineers, who was driving the Ponce de Leon train, was killed in the wreck. Officials have attributed the blame for the wreck to him on the ground that he disregarded orders, but no official finding of any kind is ready for publication.

Among Southern railway officials who attended the session were J. G. Clements, superintendent of the Atlanta division; J. H. Stanfield, Cincinnati, general manager; W. S. Andrews, Washington, D. C., assistant to the operating vice president, and D. B. Nolan, Macon, general superintendent.

J. Houston Johnston, engineer of the Georgia railway's service commission, submitted expert testimony to the board of inquiry relative to the state of the tracks at Rockmart, where the wreck occurred, and other technical details of the roadbed and switches.

Other witnesses were members of

the train crew, passengers and citizens of Rockmart who witnessed the crash of the two trains.

ATLANTA POLICE TOLD TO WATCH "ART" MAGAZINES

Open warfare on the sale of so-called "art" magazines in Atlanta has been declared by Police Chief James L. Beavers in the issuance of orders to all patrolmen to watch out for the offering for sale of indecent or obscene literature or pictures on local news-stands.

The first test case in the hostilities against such magazines was made several days ago, and resulted in the defendant, M. T. Robertson, of Kalb county, a magazine agent, being fined \$18 in police court. Sentence was suspended, however, on the promise of Robertson to call in from his news-stand clients all of the magazines under the police ban.

Patrolmen on the various beats have been instructed to watch out for the appearance of the alleged "art" magazines and to make cases against the news-dealers in the event such magazines appear for sale. The publications against which Chief Beavers issued orders include those displaying pictures of nude or half-clad women in so-called "suggestive" poses.

Following the issuance of orders on the subject, a large number of the "art" magazines were seized on local news-stands and brought to the police station, the dealers being warned that in the event of further display of the magazines, cases would be made. A stack of the banned publications now rests in the vault at the police station awaiting destruction.

The case against Robertson was made by Lieutenant Barfield and Officer O. Williams. Sections of the city code under which Chief Beavers' orders were issued are Nos. 576 and 577, and provide that in the exhibition of pictures, designs or advertisements of an indecent, immoral or modest character, calculated to debase the public or shock the sense of decency or propriety, sentences of \$100 or 30 days can be levied in police court.

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GENERAL RAINS DUE IN ATLANTA FORECAST SAYS

More general rains are scheduled for Atlanta and vicinity as blower laden winds continue to blow over Georgia from the Texas region, it was announced by C. F. von Herrmann, meteorologist of the local weather bureau.

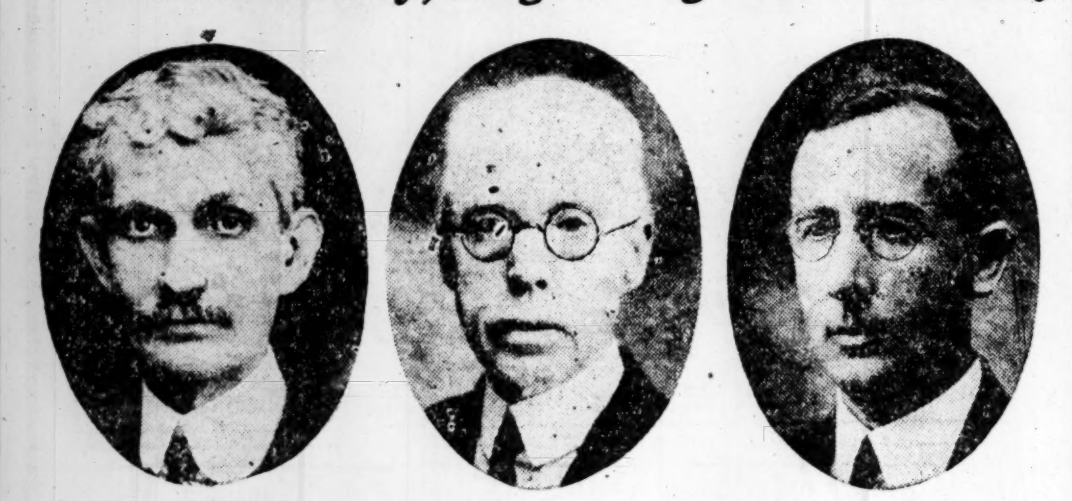
A slight rise in temperature will be experienced here today, the weatherman declared, adding that no cold weather is in sight.

Monday's temperature extremes were reported to range from 35 to 43 degrees, while the temperature forecast for today ranged from 40 to 50 degrees.

S. F. MEMORY HEADS BLACKSHEAR MASONS

Waycross, Ga., December 27.—(Special.)—Blackshear lodge of Masons has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: S. F. Memory, worshipful master; C. L. Lovett, senior warden; E. L. Darling, Jr., junior warden; W. S. Bruce, secretary; P. L. Pomeroy, treasurer; M. C. Westberry, tyler.

Enroll This Week for the Next Session of the Southern Shorthand and Business University, Beginning Next Monday



Left to right: L. W. Arnold, President and One of the Six Shorthand Instructors; Colonel W. H. Preston, Representative and Counsel; Rev. B. S. Fleming, Representative and Instructor of Salesmanship.

**Registration Department
Open From 9 O'Clock
Till 5 Daily**

Enroll this week for Business Training at the Southern Shorthand and Business University and be ready to begin with the new classes next week. Everybody is requested by the management to make application for entrance just as soon as possible.

A Business Education is now a necessity to all who expect to enter the Business World, and a useful accomplishment for those who do not. **INCREASES THE EARNING CAPACITY.**

A few days ago the manager of a large investment company called at the Southern and engaged the services of a recent graduate in shorthand and bookkeeping, starting him at a salary of \$120 a month. This young man displaced a college graduate, without a Business Education, to whom the company was paying only \$80 a month.

Think of the increased earning capacity that a Business Education, obtained at the Southern Business College, gives to the possessor! You cannot afford to do without such a training.

THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE.
The Southern Business College, known as the "School That Shows Results," is the institution that forty out of every fifty of Atlanta's leading business men endorse and recommend to those inquiring for a school

that will best qualify them to fill positions in the Business World.

OUR CITY'S RAPID GROWTH.
Greater Atlanta, the "City of Opportunity," with its 320,000 population, is the place where ambitious young men and young women may come and find pleasant and profitable employment among the thousands of business concerns already in operation here, after they shall have finished a course in shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping at the Southern.

OVER 25,000 GRADUATES.
More than 25,000 young people have already tested the merits of the Southern Business College, and, as they go about joyously filling their responsible and lucrative positions, secured largely through the Southern Employment Department, they are continually proclaiming the many advantages of this wonderful school to their friends and acquaintances everywhere.

NOW IS THE TIME.
Don't put off your Business Training. Begin a course at the Southern next Monday, or the next, or soon thereafter, in order to be ready for work when Atlanta calls.

The big \$1,000,000 advertising campaign is going to increase largely the boom, begun in 1923, during the coming months, so that in all probability Atlanta's demands for stenographers, bookkeepers, cashiers and secretaries will be greater than the supply.

THE SOUTHERN'S UNAPPROACHED FACILITIES.
The Southern's special advantages, not to be obtained elsewhere, may be summed up as follows:

Largest and most elegantly equipped quarters in the South. A large faculty, from two to three in many teachers as are to be found in any other Business School in Georgia, hence, after from three to four months' attendance, the Southern's pupils are from one to two months ahead of other pupils in efficiency.

A large typewriting department in charge of competent teachers. The shorthand taught is used by the expert reporters and stenographers throughout the country. It is 25 per cent shorter in mechanical execution than any other system taught in Atlanta, and it is legible, too. One of the Southern's teachers is a reporter of over 25 years' experience. Let him demonstrate this system to you.

The Twentieth Century Bookkeeping taught at the Southern has no equal. It is used by the most progressive and up-to-date firms.

PUPILS BECOME EXPERIENCED.
The Business Practice Department gives the pupils that practical training which is equivalent to experience. They go from this department to positions and they hold them satisfactorily.

Then, the excellent discipline of the Southern is a matter of comment. The boys and girls do not sit side by side, as is the case elsewhere. Better results are obtained by the enforcement of this rule.

For further information, address L. W. Arnold, President, 56 Whitehall Street, Atlanta, Ga. Phone WA. 8834.—(adv.)

**Start Your New Year
With a Saving Schedule**

Nearly everybody starts the new year with a resolution to "save something this year."

There's only one way to stick to it and really get ahead.

That is a regular, definite, schedule of saving—depositing a fixed amount out of every salary check or pay envelope.

Set a "pay day" for yourself. It is insurance against the "rainy day" that comes to everyone.

Three offices for your convenience, and your account, large or small, will be welcomed at any of them.

**The ATLANTA and LOWRY
NATIONAL BANK**

WHITEHALL at ALABAMA PEACHTREE at LUCKIE PRYOR at EDGEWOOD

Going Mighty Fast 121

Suits and overcoats sold yesterday in

DANIEL'S YEAR END CLOTHING SALE

626 Suits and Overcoats
left—we've reduced them
\$1 more as advertised and
today they will be sold at

GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
\$18	\$28	\$38
Some values here that sold as high as \$35	Some values here that sold as high as \$55	Some values here that sold as high as \$65

IN order to get our stocks ready for the new year we've arranged in three great groups all of our broken patterns, broken sizes. The colors are good; tailoring is perfect and for the simple reason that they haven't been sold yet we've put a price on them that will sell them this week. We urge you to come in today for yours.

Tomorrow—these prices reduced \$1 more—but come in today

Daniel Bros. Company

Founded 1886

45-49 Peachtree

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CLARK HOWELL
Editor and General Manager.
Clark Howell, Jr., Business Manager.

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ATLANTA, GA., DEC. 28, 1926.

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note advertising manager for all territory
outside of Atlanta.

THE CONSTITUTION is on sale in New
York City by J. P. M. the day after bur-
ial. It can be had at the New York
Broadway and Forty-third street (Times
building corner). Scholastic News Agency,
at Bryant Park, and Grand Central Depot.

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advertising payments to out-of-town local
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news published herein.

THE HOPE OF THE GODLESS:
—The hope of the godless man shall
perish: Whose confidence shall break
in sunder, And whose trust is a spider's
web. Job 8:13, 14.

PRAYER:
—"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness."

PARK ASSURED.

The proposed Peachtree creek
memorial park is steadily progress-
ing. Owners of property adjoining
the 125 acres owned by the
city, and now used as a disposal
plant, are executing deeds to the
city so that sufficient acreage will
be available for park purposes with-
out costing the taxpayers of At-
lanta a penny.

Among those who have already
made deeds are former Senator
Hoke Smith, Eugene V. Haynes, H.
H. Dean and others. Donations of
additional land all the way down the
creek to the river will be made.

Henderson Hallman, member of
the city bond commission, and an
outstanding civic worker, has been
united in his efforts to get this
park established. It was his con-
ception, and the park will be a
memorial to his good work.

Every citizen of Atlanta should
give this movement hearty encour-
agement.

Atlanta has not sufficient parks.
It needs more playgrounds, more
recreation centers, more open
spaces.

The park proposed on the north
side will not only be an asset of
priceless value, but will keep ver-
dant the story of the great battle
that is indissolubly connected with
the history of the city.

BALANCED PRODUCTION.

At a recent conference in At-
lanta between the members of the
agricultural committee of the Geor-
gia Bankers' association, and D. H.
Otis, director of the agricultural
commission of the National Bankers'
association, it was the ex-
pressed opinion that "Georgia needs
more cotton to the acre and a well-
balanced food and feed production
so that its farm population can
"live at home" and make cotton a
clean surplus money crop."

Precisely so. The Constitution
has consistently advocated this for
years, and with vigor since the ad-
vent of the boll weevil.

It is gratifying that the farmers
of Georgia have, to a degree more
marked than in any other state in
the south, followed the program as
outlined. Cotton acreage has been
cut almost 1,500,000 acres in the
past seven years, the yield average
has been increased almost 50
pounds of lint to the acre, and food
and feed crops have been in-
creased.

And yet, enviable as is that per-
centage record, the proceeds of the
1926 cotton crop, taking the state
as a unit, will go out of the state
to buy hay and grain and meat and
flour, etc., that could have been
raised profitably on every farm in
the state.

And had such crops been raised
on every farm in the state in suf-
ficiency to meet consumptive de-
mands there would not be a pinched
farm home in the state today. On
the other hand the \$100,000,000
that will come in to the state for
1926 cotton and cotton seed would
be the "clean surplus" as advocated
by the Georgia bankers. It would
stay in Georgia's own trade chan-
nels, and help to that extent to
swell the per capita wealth of the
state.

And thus, with the same story
repeated year after year, what a
farm prosperity there would be in
Georgia!

Any accurate survey of agricul-
tural conditions in Georgia today
will show that there is widespread
prosperity in those sections where
a properly balanced production pro-
gram has been generally followed.
The distressed farms—and distress
can always be found anywhere and
under all circumstances—are, as a
rule, those farms upon which the
barns are empty, the smokehouses
empty, the yards full of weeds in-
stead of full of chickens and
turkeys.

Balanced production. A strictly
scientific farm program. Hard
work. Intensive cultivation. Econ-
omy. Those are the outstanding—
proven and tested—rules of farm
success.

CONDITIONS SOUND.

Business conditions generally
were never more promising at the
dawn of a new year than at this
time. Conservative optimism is
the keynote of all economic fore-
casts by bankers and business men
capable of studying and passing
upon business situations as they
exist.

Stock and bond prices are at a
high level. The railroads generally
are prosperous. Wholesale and re-
tail trade has been good—better
than usual—during the holiday
season. Every indication points to
a 1927 prosperity that will mark
a new era in the economic life of
America.

The south is prosperous. De-
spite the low price of cotton the
business pendulum swings well to
the front. Farmers have raised
more food and feed than ever be-
fore. They owe less. Hence their
cotton has been more of a sur-
plus than ever before. Of course
Christmas found many distressed
homes. It is always so. But on
the whole there is less financial
distress in the country today than
ever before. A slowing down in
general business is likely. Such is
always the aftermath of new year
readjustments. No depression,
however, is anticipated in any line.
The whole business structure is
too sound to admit of this.

THE 1927 FARM PROGRAM.

"Cotton from the Colorado river
basin" is the subject of an inter-
esting article in The Week, an in-
dustrial, financial and agricultural
review published by the Georgia
utilities information committee.

The basin enjoys many impor-
tant advantages over the group of
southern states from which Amer-
ican production has heretofore
come. For instance, there are no
boll weevils there. The land is so
rich that fertilizers are unneces-
sary. The farmers in the area
make almost twice as much cotton
to the acre as we do in the south-
east. The cost of production is,
therefore, at least seven to ten
cents a lint pound less than in this
section.

In the Colorado basin this year
there was grown almost a half mil-
lion bales. A few years ago cot-
ton production there was not
thought of. This new cotton-
growing area has not only added
to the American production, but
it is so promising for the future
that the cotton producers of this
section must take it into considera-
tion, and make their farm programs
accordingly.

In the southeast we can grow
a great many commodities more
profitably than we can grow cot-
ton. Then why not?

In formulating the 1927 farm
schedules keep in mind that "liv-
ing at home" is the most impor-
tant thing.

With the necessary number of
acres to food and feed on every
farm, then cotton can be produced
as a surplus. In that event it mat-
ters not what the price may be. It
will represent a clear profit if it
is 10 cents a pound, or 20 cents
a pound. Keep that first in mind.

ARBORETUM.

At a state-wide forestry meet-
ing at Blairsville recently an arboretum
was started. On the campus of the
high school 26 trees of different
varieties were planted, each dedi-
cated to one outstanding individ-
ual or group.

Appropriate ceremonies were
held, and the principal of the
school made the dedicatory re-
marks at each tree.

It was one of the most inspiring
events ever held in Union county.
The conservation of forests—
their protection from fire and from
vandalism—is one of the most im-
portant problems before the peo-
ple of America.

Georgia has within the past two
years established a definite fore-
stry policy which, if adhered to,
will be a tremendous asset to the
state.

In the old-time religious revivals
they sprayed men with sulphur
with good effect. Now they spray
fruit trees with it.

Mr. Dempsey will subscribe to
the scripture that it is more blessed
to give than to receive.

Each season has its reason.
I'll put you on your guard:
The reason for this season
Is the nifty New Year's card.

All golf experts advise not to
stand too close to the ball in driv-
ing. Also, to win the game, after
driving.

The boll weevil never broke the
solid south and the low price of
cotton has scarcely put a dent
into it.

Health Talks

BY DR. WILLIAM BRADY.

ALTRUISM IN THE USE OF ANTISEPTICS.

A striking instance of the present
consensus of medical opinion of the
value of antiseptics administered in-
ternally is typhoid fever. Here is a
bacterial or germ disease, infectious
disease, as physicians say, the char-
acteristic lesion of which is in the
lining of the intestine, and typhoid
fever is an intestinal or alimentary
infection, that is, the germs of the
disease, typhoid bacilli enter the body
through the food tract. Yet no skilled
physician, no medical authority of
the present time, advocates the use
of internal antiseptics in the treat-
ment of typhoid fever. The educated
doctor knows that any such agent
which would be capable of prevent-
ing or diminishing the growth of ty-
phoid bacilli in the body would in-
evitably harm the body, and so he
does not give the patient antiseptics,
though, of course, he sees to it that
disinfectants are properly used to pre-
vent the spread of the infection
through the excretions of the patient.

A this point we had better make
sure we understand the meaning of
the terms antiseptic, disinfectant and
germicide. It is comparatively unim-
portant, but confusion may be avoided
by defining the terms. Antiseptic
means diminishing the multiplication
and growth of bacteria, not neces-
sarily destroying them. Disinfectant
is any process by which a substance,
surface or object is freed of surface
germs which might otherwise be con-
veyed in or by such substance, surface
or object. Soap and water, sunlight,
fresh air are just as good disinfect-
ants as any chemical substance. Ger-
micide is any substance or influ-
ence which kills germs—such as heat,
sunlight, certain strong chemicals.

Incidentally let us define the term
aseptic or aseptics while we are at
it. This means keeping disease germs
out of the environment—it is the mod-
ern method in surgery and surgery
as distinguished from the old
method of trying to kill or limit the
growth of the germs after they had
entered the picture.

In rare circumstances medicinal
antiseptics or germicides are still em-
ployed by physicians and surgeons, but
so far as the layman is concerned
he is concerned it is quite fair and cor-
rect, I think, to say that in any case
in which the layman uses a medi-
cinal antiseptic with a view to dis-
infecting himself, he is using a germi-
cide as any chemical substance. Ger-
micide is any substance or influ-
ence which kills germs—such as heat,
sunlight, certain strong chemicals.

When a somewhat brain fagged
merchant (except t. h. m.) with what
he likes to call a "cold" or "cough" or
antiseptic nostrum in his nose or gar-
gles his throat he probably does dis-
infect the chances of spreading the
disease, but he is using a germicide
for the next few minutes. That's what
I call unconscious altruism—gray
matter inadequate—a shark for dol-
ling himself for some time.

When you apply an antiseptic dress-
ing to your wound, boil or other tan-
gible lesion, you probably prevent the
spread of the infection to your neigh-
bor, although you know darned well
this is not the purpose you have in
mind. If it were you wouldn't
bother.

Let no shrewd nostrum exploiter in-
fer from this that people with "colds"
or sore throats may use some anti-
septic (except t. h. m.) with what
he likes to call a "cold" or "cough" or
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The only objection I have against
this unconscious altruism of the laity
is that in some cases the altruist in-
jures himself in using poisonous or
harmful antiseptics, and that's carry-
ing the thing too far.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Risky Practice.

In a certain tuberculosis sanita-
rium they use the drainage to
fertilize the garden and grow
vegetables therein for the table.
Have you been human enough to
eat in this drainage water which
empties into the garden. Is this
a safe practice? (B. S. S., Jr.)

Answer:—Human enough to eat in
this drainage water? I doubt
that tuberculosis could be conveyed
through the solution or contamina-
tion of vegetables in that way, but
and therefore, really, don't eat any
vegetables grown in such a
garden.

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Today's Talk

BY GEORGE MATTHEW ADAMS

BEAUTY OF FACE.

There is one thing at least which
we cannot help—and that's our face.
It is as it is, and the one who tries
to improve upon its lines and planes
or to alter its touch of tone, gets
nothing in return but a strange and
silly laugh from nature herself.

There are those who have very beau-
tiful faces, beautiful in lines and
curves and form. Faces that look as
though a real master had shaped them
by getting his cues from his heart.
But the inner cue, such a face has
nothing to boast of.

Next but the unattainable boast of
their natural beauty of face—for they
never did anything to earn it, or to
shape it as it is. The great God alone
is to be thanked.

But no matter what kind of a face
you may have, and no matter how
you classify it as you look at it in the
mirror, it's your face. And you have
the distinction of having the only one
of its kind in the entire world, and
since human life began there has never
been one like yours—and never will
be one like it. That fact alone is suf-
ficient to inspire you to build some-
thing permanent behind your face.

The most beautiful face, in form
and structure, really doesn't radiate
beauty until there is educated a beau-
tiful heart to back it up.

After all, a face is just a cluster
of thoughts, stamped indelibly there
by the days and nights of a life.
Too many faces this one big
word stands out as plainly as though
it were chiseled there—worry. And
then on others you see big words like
these: Kindness, gentleness, tolerance,
strength, patience, love, sympathy,
suffering—beauty.

A face is like a diploma—detailing
just the course you have gone through.
Just let me look into a face and I
will know whether it is a face that
strolls around in this world with its
owner. A very homely face becomes
beautiful when you see the coloring
of a beautiful heart glowing from ex-
ter, line and plane and through under-
standing eyes.

Beauty of character is beauty of
face. That alone is the secret.
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If you didn't get what you deserved
for Christmas maybe you ought to be
thankful.

A professional reformer is one who
is past his youth or never had any.
—W. E. S.

THE WORLD'S WINDOW

BY PIERRE VAN PAASSEN.

Dare To Say "No."

The ambitious Frenchmen who ap-
pear to have been willing to hand over
considerable sums to certain journal-
ists and civil servants now awaiting
trial were looking for the Legion of
Honor. The blue ribbon which is
awarded by the minister of public in-
struction, is, however, much sought
by the male, and especially the female
members of the teaching profession,
and the attaches and secretaries of the
minister have had to deal with many
charming applicants, for in France
when you want a decoration you hold
it as a sacred thing. These visits are, however,
likely to be less frequent in future,
for M. Herriot has issued a decree
which places the minimum age for la-
dies at 35 years. The decree makes
it much easier to give an agreeably
turned refusal to those who do apply.
"Nothing would be easier, my dear
lady; but it is quite obvious that you
will have to wait many years before
becoming eligible."

Underground Links.

During the last eight years Czechoslovakia and Hungary have been busy
guarding their frontiers with military
customs, and police officials to pre-
vent the smuggling and hostile propa-
ganda which has been constantly at-
tempted since 1919. But it has now
been discovered that, despite all this
vigilance, there is a means of inter-
communication between these two
states which may very well have ren--

Your Boy and Your Girl

The Parent Counsellor
BY ARTHUR DEAN, SC. D.

THE NON-BELIEVING GIRL.

"Lord keep us from graduating if
we pup are to hold any such
views," writes a high school student
in answer to a recent "Contributor's
Day Letter" signed "Non-Believing Girl."

"Non-Believer" said, in essence, that
she does not believe in God; nor in a
life hereafter; nor that "there is only
one man in the world for me." She
enjoys fun and happiness balanced
with work but is as willing "to burn
in hell forever as to be happy for-
ever," insisting one must have hard-
ships to appreciate happiness.

Others think of "Non-Believer's"
philosophy as follows:
"Non-Believer's" letter is a scream.
Obviously she is very much underedu-
cated. God bless her, she doesn't
understand what love is from the way her
letter reads.

—A Married Woman.
I will tell you in a secret, folks.
I published the letter from "Non-
Believing Girl" in my column com-
ments from young people. You know
how folks talk these days: "Modern
youth is not interested in religion or
ideals." Being "Girl," seventy-two
and money making.

I refused to believe this. I have
been dealing with youth for years.
While I know that youths of today are
full of nonsense, headstrong and mis-
chief-loving, they are nevertheless
more wholesome, better educated, more
purposive, and idealistic than the
youth of an era ago.

I will grant that youth cannot be
bull-dozed these days into any adult
prescribed beliefs. I know that boys
and girls of today want to know
everything by experience. We adults
want them to go on where we left
off, but they seem to expect to go
through these same experiences them-
selves. They do not want to be taught.
They want facts. I would not
have it otherwise if I could.

I grant it is difficult to get the
modern generation to accept anything
that it cannot prove. The very de-
sire youth has to seek, to prove, and
then to accept is the foundation on
which we must work for their spiritual
welfare.

The letters which I shall quote to-
day and tomorrow are from youth.
The answers will appeal to the "Non-
Believing Girl" and to other young
readers because they are in-the-words,
and out-of-the-thoughts and experi-
ences of youth.

Now let us go again:
"Dear Non-Believing Girl:
"Yes, you are undereducated—we
all are. No, you should not stop
thinking—you couldn't if you tried.
You are bound to go to the limit be-
cause only those who go the limit
find what they seek—knowledge."
"You say, 'I do not believe in God,'

but it is only your burning desire to
understand Him that makes you say
this. He in time will make Himself
known to you; 'He who seeks shall
find.'"

"May He guide your analytical
brain that you use so needlessly, and
here's hoping that you arrive at a
firm belief in the Higher Being with
fewer scars than I have."

"My Dear Unbeliever, Sixteen."
"I once thought along the same lines
you do, but fortunately I took ancient
history and found my past reasoning
had led me in circles. I learned
religion is as old as civilization.
Those who rank lowest in its scale
have their religion. Without religion
the world would go to pieces, as surely
as if the force of gravity should sud-
denly cease."

"Facts alone won't suit you, you
want proof. Witness it in faith. Not
in your own faith, but in its effect on
others."

"I am no crabbled cynic who de-
nounces the modern world—hardly.
I'm only a realist who is shaming every-
body."

Now, my adult readers, out of four
hundred thirty-eight letters which I
received in answer to the communica-
tion which I published from the "Non-
Believing Girl," seventy-two were from
adults and one hundred nineteen were
from young people.

And only one of these letters
screamed at religion, at ideals, and at
those who have some faith.

—A Believing Boy.

OUR CONVERSATION CORNER.

An Equal Chance.

"I'm not at all pleased with this
report from your teacher, Robert.
She says you are at the foot of the
class."

Robert: "That's all right, Pa, they
teach the same at both ends."

Courtesy of The Newspaper.
Do you ever get up at night
and walk around, much to the dismay
of other persons in the family? Does
he cry and act as though he were
afraid of some dreadful thing in his
dream? What causes him to be
restless?

Have you a plan by which your
school children are fed? Do they fuss
and pick their teeth in the end
and practically nothing?

Through the courtesy of this news-
paper I have leaflets to offer any
reader whose child is troubled by
these things. The only thing neces-
sary is to underscore the leaflet you
need, clip the article and send it to
me. If you do not enclose a stamped
address with your name and address
written in full I cannot send it to
you, as requests not made according
to directions are put into the waste
basket. "Sleep-Walking," "Children's
Dreams," "Meal Plan," "Food-Fus-
ing." (Copyright, 1926, for The Constitution.)

Worry is said to cause loss of hair.
Bald-headed men are shining examples
to the world of the folly of worry.
An army worm is any buck private
in the presence of his top sergeant.

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amples to the world of the folly of
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Youth, Marriage, Divorce Problems Are Contrasted

(Editor's Note.—Thomas Cadett, of The London Times, is the holder of the Walter Hines Page newspaper fellowship, and is spending a year in America under the terms of the fellowship. He has temporarily joined the staff of The Constitution. Mr. Cadett has served on the staffs of The San Francisco Chronicle and The Chicago Daily News. The Constitution was selected, without his knowledge, as the representative southern newspaper on which he is to serve in getting a national acquaintance with American conditions.)

BY THOMAS CADETT.

It was a Frenchman, I think, who said that the average Englishman will remark: "It is a fine day—let us go out and kill something." It is a fine day—let us go out and kill something. The world should be grateful for the questing spirit of youth. The puppyeats blacking and is sick, as Kipling says, thereafter being a wiser beast. The child searches itself with fire, gaining thereby a respect for the flame; and the youth of America, apparently resigned to a luckless first attempt at matrimony.

The sick puppy suffers alone; even allowing for maternal affection. The burned child is not a very serious business. It remains for maimed children to bring misery upon others as well as themselves. And because the social complications are so evident, I make no excuse for referring to them.

Let me attempt to forestall the indignant protests of those who, having married young, have found stability and happiness; the outcome of any

marriage must depend primarily upon temperament rather than upon the age of the high or low—usually high—contracting parties. That admitted, as also the fact that those who have married young and successfully may congratulate themselves upon the avoidance of the grievous error of wasted time. But figures and facts are relentless things, and the pitiful results, the social consequences of today's reckless and light-hearted marriages cannot fail to strike even the most tolerant observer.

American Extremes.
We all generalize from individual cases; for that reason let me very earnestly state that American youth in most things, where she is not bigger and better, she is bigger and worse—and though it is, after all something to be wholehearted, the existing state of affairs in this connection is nothing to be proud of.

The youthful marriage may or may not be suitable to American social conditions. It may or may not be continually renewed, something stable and appropriate; the one thing certain—and I say it in the expectation of being told to mind my own business—is that the disadvantages are everywhere apparent today.

Exactly why first husbands or wives are obviously regarded by much of the youth of this country rather in the light of the first course in what is often a matrimonial banquet is not easy to discover. Co-education, I suspect, has something to do with it; too much money may occasionally be another reason. And then there is divorce.

Divorce Is Easy.
Divorce is easy in America, and so marriage can be and often is regarded as an adventure the consequences of which can easily be remedied.

This in turn brings more grief to the divorcee, and so you have a pretty little circle—where young men and maidens swear eternal fidelity with one eye on the divorce lawyer, where the provision of alimony has assumed the proportions of a national industry, and the custody of the child becomes only too important than football as a topic of conversation at the dinner table.

The swing of the pendulum does some queer things. The freedom of today is better than the restraint of yesterday; there is more decency in the enigmatic modern skirt than the dust-trailing abomination of twenty-five years ago—all the difference between burlesque and frankness.

In the same way, divorce offers a hope of salvation to those who, in other days, would have been doomed to misery through no fault of their own.

But because the pendulum is a human one, it has swung rather far.

RICE WILL ASSUME DUTIES AS WARDEN ON NEW YEAR DAY
Peter V. Rice, former assistant commissioner of agriculture, has accepted appointment as warden of the state prison at Milledgeville and will assume his new duties January 1, it was announced by the state prison commission Monday. B. H. Dunaway, who has been serving as warden of the men's division and as superintendent of the prison farm will retain his post as superintendent of the farm, it was stated.

The question of whether or not the state has a warden at Milledgeville legally qualified to execute prisoners has been carried to the supreme court for final settlement. The point was raised by attorneys for Mel M. Gore, convicted in Fulton county on a charge of complicity in the killing of W. H. Cheek, Buckhead grocer, one year ago. By raising this question, Gore's death sentence was indefinitely postponed.

GRANT PARK MASONS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS
At the eighth annual communication of Grant Park lodge, No. 604, W. & A. M., corner Glenwood and Cherokee avenues, held December 23, 1926, the following officers were elected for the year 1927 and were installed into office by Past Grand Master Geo. A. Napier, attorney general of the state of Georgia:

John W. Webster, worshipful master; David L. Shannon, senior warden; J. Crawford Glaze, junior warden; Geo. A. Cole, senior deacon; Chas. W. McNeely, junior deacon; Henry R. Morris, senior steward; M. L. Wheeler, junior steward; Jos. H. Numan, treasurer; J. C. Little, secretary; C. A. Bowles, chaplain; P. B. Gardner, Tyler.

The report of the officers showed great progress during the eight years since the lodge was constituted.

LARGE CLASS BAPTIZED IN ATLANTA CHURCH
Sixteen persons were administered the ordinance of baptism Sunday at the Ponce de Leon Avenue Baptist church, the Rev. Luther R. Christl, pastor, officiating at the services.

Those who received the ordinance are as follows: Mrs. T. M. Smith, Miss Louise Gilbert, Miss Irene Lind, Miss Minta Jackson, Miss Caroline Hammond, Miss Elizabeth Smith, Miss Florence Dixon, Dr. W. A. Davis, Richard Locke, Lewis Phillips, George W. McCarty, Jr., William Jackson, Sam Little, John Copeland, Silas Davis, and Arthur Hammond.

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PI KAPPA ALPHA HOLDS FIRST MEETING TODAY

More than 400 educators, alumni of nationally-known universities and students, will spend a part of the holiday week in Atlanta in attendance on the annual convention of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, which will hold its sessions at the Hotel Biltmore, it is announced by Fred Houser, secretary of the Atlanta Convention and Tourist bureau.

The convention will open Tuesday morning and continue through Friday, with several entertainment features. Two Atlanta men are among the grand officers of the organization. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, of Westminster Presbyterian church, being the grand chaplain, and Robert A. Smythe the grand treasurer. Dudley R. Cowles is in general charge, and a convocation program, with Harold N. Cowledge as vice chairman.

The first business session will be held at the Biltmore Tuesday morning, and will be called to order by Dr. H. B. Arbuckle, of Davidson college, grand counselor of the fraternity. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, of Westminster Presbyterian church, will pronounce the invocation. Dudley R. Cowles will deliver the address of welcome, which will be responded to by John R. Peretz, of New Orleans, the grand prince.

Business sessions will be held every morning, and committee meetings in the afternoon. Tonight there will be a smoker for the men and a theater party for the ladies accompanying them. On Wednesday afternoon the ladies will be given a tour of Atlanta and on Wednesday night the convention ball will be given at the Piedmont Driving club. On Thursday the ladies will be guests at a luncheon at the Atlanta Athletic club, and on Thursday evening will be held the convention banquet at the Biltmore.

On Friday the final business meeting will be held, and officers will be elected by a motor trip to Stone Mountain and the eveland and the convention will close with a tea-dance at the Biltmore at 5 o'clock.

YEGGMEN CRACK TWO SAFES HERE; GET HEAVY HAUL
Yeggmens obtained over \$1,000 in money and a like amount in checks when they rifled the contents of two safes, one in the People's Credit Clothing store at 138½ West street, and another in the passenger and freight depot of the Georgia railroad at Decatur, according to reports to police.

Cohen, proprietor of the People's Credit Clothing store, told police the robbery occurred sometime between Saturday noon and Monday morning, and that the burglars were in addition to \$550 in currency, clothing valued at \$150.

Chief Law and Special Agent F. R. Yarbrough were detailed to investigate the robbery, believed to have been staged in the early hours of Monday morning.

\$3,000 Liquor Haul Made Here Monday By Police Raiders
One woman and two men were arrested and liquor valued at \$3,000 and an expensive touring car were confiscated by members of the police vice squad here Monday as a result of two raids made during the afternoon.

The Mrs. M. A. Anker, Frank W. Hannah and D. R. Whitaker, all of Atlanta.

Mrs. Anker was taken into custody by raiders who allege they unearthed 55 quarts of Scotch whisky in the garage of the woman's residence on Atlanta avenue. She claimed any knowledge of the illicit liquor and denials of ownership.

Hannah and Whitaker were arrested in an alley garage off Ponce de Leon place, near Greenwood avenue. After officers had laid a trap for them, according to members of the squad, the touring car was found to contain a load of whisky when it was searched at 2 o'clock. Concealing themselves near the car, they said, they waited until 5 o'clock, when Hannah and Whitaker entered the garage, locking the doors behind them. After arresting the men, officers uncovered almost a hundred gallon containers on the premises, they reported.

The raiders, headed by Lieutenant E. S. A. Officer, included Officers Porterwood, R. L. Mosley, C. C. Parker, H. C. Newton, J. R. Norton, E. I. Hildebrand, J. L. Hughes and W. C. Morris.

Effect of Christmas Results in Listless Day in City Hall
Blue Monday! And that's about the only fitting way to describe the general apathy of Atlanta's 321,000 citizens Monday as they took the field in prosecution of their respective callings.

Blue Monday with an added dash of Christmas "hang-over" to make it bluer, and low-hanging, threatening clouds to augment the general feeling of depression following the annual Christmas debauch.

That was the Atlanta which Monday began another 12-months' grind with a listless nonchalance. Those not afflicted with the pangs of having over-eaten, were subjected to a feeling of super-depression.

The city hall, the most part was deserted save for ineffectual efforts on the part of employees to hit their strides against the spending of four-day vacation over Christmas. Citizens who ordinarily have business with the municipal government, failed to put in appearance, preferring rather to take another day to orient themselves at their offices and places of business.

Federal and state buildings also were deserted with the exception of those who are employed in them. In fact Atlantans Monday, even though they answered roll calls, decided that at least one more day was due them for recuperation and convalescing from over-exhaustion from the Christmas holiday season.

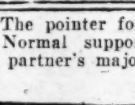
WIFE OF ILLUSTRATOR VISITOR IN ATLANTA
Mrs. Pruett Carter, wife of the prominent illustrator, Pruett Carter, of New York city, is in Atlanta to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Walter E. Fritz, of 1043 Piedmont avenue.

Mr. Carter left Atlanta about 10 years ago for New York, where he has since won recognition as an illustrator in the magazine field, his work appearing regularly in such periodicals as the Cosmopolitan, Harper's, Good Housekeeping and Ladies Home Journal.

HOSPITAL TREATS MANY FIRE CRACKER VICTIMS
An unusually large number of powder burns have been treated at Grady hospital within the last few days resulting from the general Yuletide fireworks celebration. Some 50 patients were given tetanus anti-toxin in addition to treatment for burns to insure against poisoning.

Milton C. Work's Pointer On How To Play Bridge

(Milton C. Work, the international bridge authority, will answer your auction bridge questions. A stamped self-addressed envelope must accompany each request for replies.)



The pointer for today is: Normal support precludes denial of partner's major, but does not preclude an overall of partner's minor.

It is very useful for a partnership to hold hands which, combined, do not contain a game at "No Trump," but which will produce exactly 10 tricks with their best suit trump. Such a hand is in general called a "minor" and contains a major suit only; not a minor which requires 11 tricks.

Therefore partner's major bid should not be changed except under unusual conditions; but the same doctrine does not apply to a minor bid, because it is not so apt to be overvalued by the partner's more than normal support for the

minor, it seldom has the best chance for a game and generally the partner should bid another suit or no trump.

To illustrate today's pointer, take this north hand:

Suit 1. Ace-10-x-x.
Suit 2. Ace-x-x.
Suit 3. Ace-x-x.
Suit 4. x-x-x.

If suit 1 be a major which south has bid initially and west has passed, north should not give the slightest consideration to a no trump, regardless of his three aces. Why risk an unstopped suit? He should either pass or jump. (By "jump" I mean raise the partner's bid when the intervening adversary has passed.) If, after south's bid of suit 1 (that suit being a major), west should bid suit 2 or 3 which are stopped, north should even more surely assist south's major, not bid no trump. But if suit 1 be a minor and south bid west pass or bid suit 2 or 3. Only west's minor be assisted.

Trench Rats Give Vaudeville, Dance On New Year's Eve
Prominent in the list of Atlanta's New Year's eve celebrations will be the "snow dance" of the Atlanta Trench Rats, to be given Friday night at the auditorium, and open to everyone who desires to dance to a big orchestra and enjoy a vaudeville show of a different type from the usual.

The Trench Rats, an organization within the Disabled American Veterans' association, is giving the dance to raise funds for the relief of some of the "buddies" who are out of work. Tickets will be sold at the door on Friday evening. Dancing will begin at 10 o'clock and continue until after midnight.

We believe that such a New Year's eve celebration, with good music, excellent vaudeville show, and an excellent vaudeville show, will be immensely popular, said William E. Tate, chairman of the committee in charge.

The vaudeville, presented between dances, will be "A Night in a Parisian Cafe." It will be an excellent reproduction of a typical vaudeville show such as the soldiers saw in Paris when on leave there during the war.

Elaborate electrical devices will furnish a realistic snowstorm, with moonlight effects, and the auditorium will be elaborately decorated. The committee in charge is composed of William E. Tate, James K. Finch, Howard H. Glenn, Ralph Haire and H. F. Lester.

GREENSBORO FIRM COLLECTS BIG SUM FOR AUTOMOBILES
Greensboro, Ga., December 27.—(Special.)—As evidence that there is still money in the land, a local automobile firm selling a popular make of cars, reports that it has collected \$25,000 during the month of October, November and December on automobile accounts.

P. T. Sandt, of New York, a salesman, reported to county police Monday that merchandise valued at approximately \$150 was stolen from his sedan Sunday night while the car was parked in Hapeville, near Candorville.

He said that he was attending church at the time of the theft and that the thieves gained entrance to the sedan by breaking the glass of the door. County police are investigating.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN WILL MEET HERE
Reports of the year's work will be read and discussed at the meeting of the Civic Council of Women, to be held at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning in the council chamber of the city hall, it was announced Monday by Mrs. J. E. Andrews, president.

A feature of the meeting will be a report of the recent trip made by Mrs. Andrews for the council and the state law enforcement committee, of which she is chairman. During the trip she attended the New York meeting of the national law enforcement committee, where Atlanta's plan for law enforcement organizations was selected as the best submitted, and a committee appointed to acquaint the various state bodies with it. She also visited the domestic relations court and court of morals at Philadelphia, and the national narcotic department and prohibition department in Washington.

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Motor Club Gives Late Information Regarding Flood

Atlanta motorists and others in the state who are contemplating traveling through the western part of Tennessee are warned that virtually every road into and out of the city of Nashville, Tenn., are closed and impassable, due to the recent floods in that vicinity, according to word from the Atlanta Motor club.

O. L. Hammond, secretary of the club, following receipt of numerous queries as to road conditions, stated that the main highway from Atlanta to Chattanooga, although not in the best of condition, is passable and in good shape.

The only three roads leading into and out of Nashville that are open to the public are from Chattanooga to Nashville via Dayton, Pikeville, Crossville, Sparta and Lebanon; from Nashville to Louisville, Ky., via Goodlettsville, Whitehouse, Franklin, Ky., and Bowling Green, and from Nashville to Memphis. All other roads have been closed due to the flood.

Many of the bridges over the smaller streams have been washed away, and the conditions of the roads are generally good with few exceptions. The detour leading into Griffin is in bad shape and almost impassable, it was stated.

DR. BALLENGER NAMED CHAIRMAN OF BOARD
At the December reorganization meeting of the board of stewards of St. Paul M. E. church, South, Dr. W. L. Ballenger was elected chairman for the third consecutive year.

The church is the largest Methodist congregation in Georgia with a membership roll of more than 2,000 and over 60 officials on the board. The church building is an imposing granite structure of the south, in north section, corner Grant street and St. Paul avenue. During the present year one of the largest and best equipped Sunday school plants in the city have been erected at a cost of \$50,000.

Other officers elected for the ensuing year are: J. Sid Tiller, vice chairman; J. C. Little, treasurer; Miss Lena Mae Jones, assistant treasurer and church secretary; Rev. D. C. Starnes, director of religious education; Hugh Timms, musical director; Edward S. Cook, Sunday school superintendent.

Rev. B. F. Fraser, one of the outstanding evangelistic Methodist ministers of the south, is now pastor, having been transferred during the recent North Georgia conference from Augusta.

WINDER LEGION POST PLANS OWN BUILDING
Winder, Ga., December 27.—(Special.)—John Rich Pentecost post of the American Legion, has elected the following officers for 1927: J. W. Carrington, Jr., commander; R. L. Elbridge, adjutant; Carl McNelly, vice commander; R. B. Russell, Jr., assistant; J. C. Pratt, chaplain; Carter Daniel, trustee for building fund, three-year term.

The local post is named for John R. Pentecost who entered the Canadian service at the beginning of the world war, was later transferred to the American forces in 1918 and was killed in action at Drury, France, in the summer of 1918. It is one of the most active posts in this section and plans to erect a home of its own during the year.

DRUID HILLS CLASS ATTENDANCE LEADER
Judge John S. Candler's class of Druid Hills Methodist church, Sunday school classes of the city Sunday in attendance with 135 present, according to announcements by the Georgia Sunday School association. The Tabernacle Baptist, with 97 present, led the school of the city.

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DR. D. W. DODGE SPEAKS AT LION CLUB LUNCH
Dr. D. Witherspoon Dodge, prominent Atlanta minister and chaplain of the Lions club, will be principal speaker at the Lions' weekly luncheon 12:30 o'clock this afternoon at the Ansley hotel. The Sweetest Story Ever Told, will be his topic.

Other attractions on the weekly program will be musical selections and the awarding of an attendance prize. Joseph B. Wolfe, president, will preside.

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The former wife of the dead lumberman said that throughout the night preceding the slaying she discussed with Chipps the matter of a reconciliation. The next day Chipps was killed when he went to the pastor's study to protest against pulp attacks directed by Norris against Chipps' friend, Mayor H. C. Meacham.

Mrs. Chipps said that upon her former husband's death she took over his lumber business, borrowing \$1,000 from the mayor. The son claims loss of support and education through the killing of his father. His mother, according to her testimony, received \$150 monthly from Chipps for the boy's support.

25 American Concerns Have Nicaragua Interests, Government Files Show

Lumber and Fruit Enterprises Chief Investments of Capital From U. S. in Republic.

BY RAYMOND CLAPPER.

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The J. G. White Management corporation for operating the national railroad which is 150 miles long. This line is nominally owned by the Nicaraguan government which recently bought the stock control from the two New York banking houses, Brown Brothers and company and the J. and W. Seligman and company. The White company now operate this line for the Nicaraguan government. Other railroads are short ten-mile private company roads owned and used by banana, sugar and lumber interests.

Big Lumber Concern. One of the biggest lumber enterprises is that of the Braganza's Braganza Lumber company, an American concern, which obtained a 50,000 acre concession in 1923 and is now producing large quantities of mahogany and other furniture woods. It paid about \$5 an acre for rights.

The United Fruit company of Boston has spent many millions developing banana plantations and the tropical wireless stations with supplementary railroads, docks and warehouses. It has spent nearly \$100,000,000 in the Caribbean through the exact expenditure in Nicaragua is unknown here.

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ALBERT B. FALL CRITICALLY ILL

BY SAM W. SMALL, Special Staff Correspondent. Washington, December 27.—The Seaboard Air Line has asked of the interstate commerce commission authority for a joint issue of \$2,421,000 of first mortgage six per cent gold bonds by the Seaboard Air-Line railway and the Florida Western and Northern railroad. They are subsidiaries of the S. A. L. which is to guarantee the bonds and use the proceeds to reimburse its treasury for expenditures for new construction in Florida.

The house judiciary committee has just filed a favorable report upon the bill to require competitive bidding on government construction work, with special authority to road construction work. Questionnaires to highway commissioners and engineers in various sections of the country disclosed that 80.7 per cent of public and private construction is done through competitive contracts. The construction of public works in the United States approximates two billions of dollars annually.

The bill provides that where the words "construction projects" are used they shall be construed to mean the construction of any building, highway, dam, levee or bridge. Any person willfully violating any provision of the act will be summarily removed from office. The hearings on the bill

ILLNESS MAY DELAY ALBERT FALL'S TRIAL. Washington, December 27.—The serious illness of former Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall, who is reported to have pneumonia at El Paso, Texas, probably will delay his trial here Sunday from Washington. He became ill on the train.

Some 25 American companies are listed as having interests in the country. Only a few are of any size. The total investment of American capital probably is not more than \$12,000,000 or \$15,000,000 at most.

One official report stated: "Apart from the sugar industry, Nicaragua is entirely undeveloped in a manufacturing sense and the republic is practically dependent upon outside sources for manufactured articles."

"There are three major influences which cause this situation. They are: a. The sugar industry. b. The banana industry. c. The demand for manufactures on a per capita basis is exceedingly small, caused by the low purchasing power and few personal needs. Consequently any manufacturing industry could only survive on a small scale."

The major portion of the revenue is derived from customs and import duties. Hence it can not be expected that there is any particular tendency in official circles to foster home manufacturing industries.

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News From Congress Of Interest to Georgia

BY SAM W. SMALL, Special Staff Correspondent. Washington, December 27.—The Seaboard Air Line has asked of the interstate commerce commission authority for a joint issue of \$2,421,000 of first mortgage six per cent gold bonds by the Seaboard Air-Line railway and the Florida Western and Northern railroad. They are subsidiaries of the S. A. L. which is to guarantee the bonds and use the proceeds to reimburse its treasury for expenditures for new construction in Florida.

The house judiciary committee has just filed a favorable report upon the bill to require competitive bidding on government construction work, with special authority to road construction work. Questionnaires to highway commissioners and engineers in various sections of the country disclosed that 80.7 per cent of public and private construction is done through competitive contracts. The construction of public works in the United States approximates two billions of dollars annually.

The bill provides that where the words "construction projects" are used they shall be construed to mean the construction of any building, highway, dam, levee or bridge. Any person willfully violating any provision of the act will be summarily removed from office. The hearings on the bill

ILLNESS MAY DELAY ALBERT FALL'S TRIAL. Washington, December 27.—The serious illness of former Secretary of Interior Albert B. Fall, who is reported to have pneumonia at El Paso, Texas, probably will delay his trial here Sunday from Washington. He became ill on the train.

Some 25 American companies are listed as having interests in the country. Only a few are of any size. The total investment of American capital probably is not more than \$12,000,000 or \$15,000,000 at most.

One official report stated: "Apart from the sugar industry, Nicaragua is entirely undeveloped in a manufacturing sense and the republic is practically dependent upon outside sources for manufactured articles."

"There are three major influences which cause this situation. They are: a. The sugar industry. b. The banana industry. c. The demand for manufactures on a per capita basis is exceedingly small, caused by the low purchasing power and few personal needs. Consequently any manufacturing industry could only survive on a small scale."

The major portion of the revenue is derived from customs and import duties. Hence it can not be expected that there is any particular tendency in official circles to foster home manufacturing industries.

1,400 IN PUERTO CABEZAS. The state department says that there are about 1,400 Americans in the Puerto Cabezas district, just declared a neutral zone.

The population generally is composed of illiterate negroes and Indians averaging four persons to the square mile.

The high customs duties which are levied on the principal revenue cause excessively high prices according to one official who recently visited there.

I bought a pound of a popular American tobacco which costs 95 cents here. It cost me \$5.95 there because of the duty," he said. "My sister sent me a \$100 silk shirt and I had to pay for duty on it. I took in a \$12 portable phonograph and had to pay a \$10 duty."

If a censorship has been established by the navy on radiograms to Nicaragua it was probably done by Admiral Latimer, in charge of the force in Nicaraguan waters, navy department officials stated tonight. All telegrams of a censorship order originating in Washington was denied by officials.

JOHN D. IS SANTA TO 50 NEIGHBORS AND YOUNGSTERS

Ormond Beach, Fla., December 27.—(AP)—John D. Rockefeller played Santa Claus tonight to house guests, neighbors and their children in a gay Christmas party at his winter home here in honor of his grandsons, Fowler McCormack and David Rockefeller.

The aged financier himself distributed gifts from a tall Christmas tree standing in the center of the spacious living room, which was decorated profusely with ferns and flowers from his own garden, presided at a buffet supper, and then led in the singing of hymns to the accompaniment of a pipe organ.

As his guests bid their adieu to the echo of the strains of "God Be With Us 'Till We Meet Again," Mr. Rockefeller murmured: "If I have brought contentment to my neighbor, then I am contented, too."

FIGHT LAUNCHED FOR EVOLUTION THEORY TEACHING

Washington, December 27.—Biological teachers in Washington high schools have recommended to school authorities a new biology textbook giving full recognition to the theory of evolution to replace the expurgated edition of Hunter's "Essentials of Biology," the full version of which brought on the Scopes evolution trial because it was used in the Dayton, Tenn., high school. The new biology recommended is "New Biology," by Smallwood, Revely and Bailey. It says: "Evolution means that all of fossil and modern animals and plants have had a continuous history."

The board of education must pass on the recommendation.

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Girls' Cotillion Club Dance Brilliant Event at Driving Club

One of the most brilliant of the holiday dances was the ball at which the members of the Girls' Cotillion club were hostesses Monday evening at the Piedmont Driving club.

Effective Christmas decorations lent a festive air to the charm of the ballroom. At the far end of the ballroom, just in front of the open fire, was a brightly ornamented and tinsel Christmas tree.

Large red wreaths hung on the panels of the side walls, and standing guard on either side at the entrance of the ballroom were small gayly decorated trees.

On the console tables in the entrance hall were large bowls of red roses and narcissi, and lovely flowers were attractively arranged on the side tables in the living room.

The guests were received by the officers of the Cotillion club at the entrance to the ballroom, including Miss Ellen Newell, president; Miss Jennie Robinson, vice president; Miss Louise Nelson, treasurer; Miss Harriet Shedden, secretary.

Miss Newell wore an attractive gown of turquoise blue chiffon velvet trimmed with rhinestones.

Miss Robinson wore a gown of shell-pink chiffon embroidered in rhinestones.

Miss Nelson's gown was fashioned of pink satin headed in rhinestones.

Miss Shedden wore a lovely chiffon gown of pink elaborately embroidered in crystals and pearls.

Preceding supper, which was served at midnight, the guests enjoyed two attractive cotillion figures, the first being the lucky number figure and led by Miss Ellen Newell and Thomas L. Paine.

A strand of exquisitely matched pearls was awarded the young lady holding the lucky number, and a handsome silver knife was given the gentleman.

The second figure was led by Miss Jennie Robinson and Mr. Paine. This beautiful figure featured numerous attractive favors, which were drawn from a large table placed on one side of the ballroom.

The charter members of the club includes Miss Newell, Miss Nelson, Miss Shedden, Mrs. Charlton Theus, Miss Margaret Elder, Miss Rebecca Ashcraft, Mrs. DeLeon Scroggs, Miss Telside Pratt, Miss Ida Sadler, Miss Ethel Hunter, Miss Mary Bullenger, Miss Maria Brown, Miss Eugenia Buchanan, Miss Louise Stubbs, Miss Lucy Elizabeth Harper, Mrs. Hunter Cooper, Miss Corday Rice, Miss Mary Brown Spalding, Miss Cattie Orme, Mrs. George Weyman, Mrs. John Tracy Baxter, of Macon; Mrs. Trenton Tunnell, Mrs. Thresher Ames Rippey, Jr., and Mrs. Marion Watson.

The other members are Miss Mary Sadler, Miss Margaret Nelson, Mrs. Oscar Davis, Miss Douglas Paine, Miss Catherine Murphy, Miss Elizabeth Whitman, Miss Alice Stearns, Mrs. Albert H. Lakin, of New York; Mrs. Charles Cox, Mrs. Frederick Duggan, Miss Frances Brown, Miss Jennie Robinson, Mrs. Russell Bellman, Mrs. Parks Hunt, Miss Ann Stringfellow, Miss Pauline DeGivie, Miss Edythe Coleman, Miss Margaret Stovall, Mrs. Hugh Richardson, Miss Virginia Campbell, Miss Isabel Johnston, Miss Jennie Hodgson, Mrs. John L. Hopkins, Misses Dolly Hart, Martha Hodgson, Nancy Hill, Bessie Mitchell, Virginia Howard, Nancy Carr, Margaret MacIntyre, Martha Bell, Catherine Candler and Mildred Willford.

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Miss Knight Weds H. Victor Coleman At Home Ceremony

Of wide interest throughout Georgia, Florida and South Carolina is the announcement of the marriage of Miss Mary King Knight and Horace Victor Coleman, of Adairsville, Ga., which was solemnized December 19 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lloyd in College Park.

The ceremony was performed by Dr. P. L. Roberts, pastor of the First Baptist church of College Park, in the presence of the immediate family and a few close friends.

The bride was gowned in old rose crepe and wore a close-fitting hat of silver lace.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Coleman left for a wedding trip through the Carolinas and Tennessee. Upon their return they will be at home to their friends in Adairsville.

Mrs. Coleman is the eldest daughter of T. P. Knight, of Tampa, Fla., and the great-granddaughter of the late John Knight, of the North Georgia conference. She is a graduate of G. S. C. W. and Mercer universities, and for past two years a popular and much beloved teacher in College Park public school.

Mr. Coleman is a graduate of Clemson college, S. C., and for three years has held a responsible position with the Georgia state highway department of Adairsville, Ga.

The out-of-town guests were Miss Lillian Dorough, of Toconog, Ga.; Miss Elizabeth Knight, of Macon; Miss Idelle Brannon, of Brunswick, Ga.; Mrs. Otis Sasser, of Gainesville, Ga.

**Miss Le Conte Given
Lovely Afternoon.**

Miss Lillian King Le Conte was honored by her mother, Mrs. James Thompson Williams, at a beautiful afternoon tea on Monday, at her home on Piedmont avenue.

Throughout the lovely home were quantities of poinsettias, mistletoe, holly, wreaths and southern smilax, which were artistically arranged around on tables.

Mrs. Williams was assisted in receiving her guests by Miss Elizabeth Cole, Miss Nisbet Le Conte, Miss Sarah White, Miss Vera Kamper, Miss Martha Lewis, Miss Virginia Courts, Miss Letell Finkhouser.

Those assisting included: Mrs. Irving S. Thomas, Mrs. William Akers, Mrs. Julian Thomas, Mrs. J. A. Le Conte, Mrs. George E. King.

At 6 o'clock several young men joined the receiving party for dancing.

Mrs. Williams will again be hostess on Tuesday afternoon at tea for her daughter, Miss Virginia Nisbet Le Conte.

**Miss Pearce Given Tea
By Mrs. J. R. Gray, Jr.**

One of the loveliest of the holiday parties was the seated-tea given on Monday afternoon by Mrs. James R. Gray, Jr., at the Piedmont Driving club in honor of her niece, Miss Jennie Gray Pearce, who attends National Park seminary, near Washington, D. C.

The honor guest wore a becoming gown of dark green crepe and velvet and a black hat. Mrs. E. D. A. Pearce assisted her sister in the entertainment of the guests, the list of these including: Miss Pearce, Miss Palmer Dallis, Miss Catherine Ginn, Miss Laura Candler, Miss Sarah Law, Miss Myra Boynton, and her guests: Miss Julia Andrews of Raleigh, N. C., and Miss Jane Settle, of Birmingham, Ala.; Miss Augusta Porter, Miss Margaret Feagle, Miss Elizabeth Flinn, Miss Teresa Atkinson and Miss Maria Davis.

DAILY CALENDAR SOCIAL EVENTS

Mrs. George Breitenbucher will entertain at her home on Fifteenth street in compliment to her daughter, Miss Isabel Breitenbucher, president of the Debutante club. The members of the club will share honors with Miss Breitenbucher.

Miss Littell Finkhouser and William Finkhouser, Jr., who are home to spend the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. William Finkhouser, will entertain this afternoon at the Biltmore tea-dance.

Miss Susanne Fitzhugh Knox will entertain this afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock at tea at her home on Piedmont avenue.

Miss Helen Wickle will be hostess at the Atlanta Athletic club at an informal luncheon.

An enjoyable affair will be the dance at which Miss Marie McAfee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer McAfee, will entertain at the Atlanta Woman's club this evening.

Mrs. Rosenbusch will entertain at a dinner-dance Tuesday evening at East Lake Country club honoring Miss Verdry Rosenbusch.

Mrs. Charles Harvey Kersey will entertain at bridge at her home on Ponce de Leon avenue, complimenting her house guest for the holidays, Mrs. A. Y. Evans, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Tolle, of New York, the guest of Mrs. Virgil Shepard.

Mr. and Mrs. William Howell Kiser will entertain a party at the Biltmore tea-dance this afternoon honoring their nephews, Phinizy Calhoun, Jr., who is home from Episcopal High school at Alexandria, Va., and Lawson Peel Calhoun, sons of Dr. and Mrs. Phinizy Calhoun.

An old-fashioned Christmas party will be given by Miss Ruth Beacham complimenting the Epsilon Pi sorority this evening at the home of Miss Beacham on North View avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Stillwell Robison will be hosts at a bridge party this evening at their home on Ponce de Leon avenue honoring Harold McGlasson, of Lincoln, Neb., the holiday guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Conyers.

Miss Katria Van Pool will be hostess at a luncheon at her home in honor of Miss Margaret Garwood, a student at Bessie Tift, and Miss Edna Body, a student at Sullins in Bristol, Va.

Miss Ruth Dabney will entertain at an informal buffet supper in honor of Miss Florence Underwood.

Mrs. John L. Tye, Jr., will entertain at tea at the Atlanta Woman's club in honor of Miss Frances Brown, a bride-elect.

Miss Barbara Case will be hostess at a tea at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Case, on Habersham road.

Miss Catherine Ginn will entertain at the Biltmore tea-dance in honor of Miss Mary Matheson, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Miss Jane Settles, of Birmingham, Ala., and Miss Julia Andrews, of Raleigh, N. C., who are the guests of Miss Myra Boynton.

Mrs. Frank Wellborn Blalock will entertain at an informal luncheon at her home on Argonne drive in honor of Mrs. John T. Brown, Jr., the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pugh.

Miss Virginia Nesbit Le Conte will be guest of honor at an afternoon tea at which her mother, Mrs. James Thompson Williams, will entertain at her home on Piedmont avenue.

There will be a tea-dance at the Atlanta Biltmore from 5 until 7 o'clock.

Miss Kathleen Pierson will compliment Miss Jane Dillon at a bridge-tea to be given at her home on Oakdale road.

Pi Kappa Alpha theater party in honor of the visiting ladies of the Pi Kappa Alpha convention at Erlanger.

Convention smoker of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity in the ballroom of the Biltmore.

Honoring her guest, Miss Edith Mosler, of New York, Miss Bee Rich will give a luncheon at the Biltmore, followed by a matinee party.

Miss Elizabeth Catron will entertain at a bridge-tea at her home in Avondale Estates in honor of Miss Maureen Faulkner, Miss Marion Stokes and Miss Sarah Branch, who are spending the holidays with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Speer will entertain at an informal tea in compliment to their guests, Mr. and Mrs. James Meegan, of Washington, D. C., from 4 to 6 o'clock at their home on Peachtree road.

Miss Martin Weds

Gordon C. Grasty,
Of Birmingham, Ala.

A wedding of interest was that of Miss Magnolia Martin, of Selma, Ala., and Atlanta, to Gordon C. Grasty, of Birmingham and Fort Worth, by the Rev. Dr. C. P. Wilcox of Bishop Mikkell's staff, at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. L. M. Henderson, 1301 McLendon avenue, December 23, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

W. J. Stelplug, of Atlanta, was best man. The bride's aunt, Mrs. L. Redding Albert, of Greensboro, N. C., was matron of honor. The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, L. Redding Albert.

Mrs. Grasty wore a traveling costume of white serge, trimmed with white satin.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Martin, of Selma, and is related to the Napier, of Georgia, and Henderson families of North Carolina.

Mr. Grasty is state manager for the Sherer-Gillette Co., with headquarters in Birmingham. After a short wedding trip the young couple will be at home at the Hotel Tutwiler, in Birmingham, Ala.

**Dancing School Pupils
Are Entertained.**

An interesting event of the Christmas season was the annual Christmas party given Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock for the younger pupils of the Nellie Sullivan School of Dance Arts, on Ponce de Leon avenue. About 250 children attended the afternoon party and a number of very interesting features were offered during the afternoon to entertain the children.

The studio was decorated and a very large Christmas tree was filled with gifts for the various children.

During the evening, from 9 to 12 o'clock, another party was given for the older pupils of the school and a special orchestra was on hand to render the music for the occasion.

About 75 pupils attended the evening Christmas party, and each of those present received a special Christmas gift. Punch and refreshments were served during the evening.

**Chamblee Lodge
Installs Officers.**

At the twenty-third annual communication of Chamblee lodge No. 441, F. & A. M., on December 23 the following officers were elected and appointed for 1927: Rose Troth, W. M.; Marvin Thigpin, S. W.; J. R. Bowden, J. W.; C. V. Tapp, reelected treasurer; C. W. Corliss, secretary; J. F. Mabry, tyler; O. B. Rowell, chaplain; M. E. Smith, S. D.; C. L. Ginn, J. D.; P. F. Drake, S. S.; J. W. League, L. S.; finance committee, P. F. Drake, chairman, C. T. Foss and Gus Hudgins. A barbecue was served at 6:30 o'clock, after which a public installation was held.

**Jackson Hill Class
To Meet Wednesday.**

The Mothers class of Jackson Hill Baptist church will hold its meeting Wednesday at 3 o'clock in the assembly room of the Sunday school. All members and friends of the class are invited.

Miss Hamrick Weds Ralph S. Brown In Carrollton, Ga.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Hamrick and Ralph Sebastian Brown was solemnized on Wednesday evening, December 22, at 6 o'clock at the First Baptist church, Carrollton, Ga. Rev. Gilbert Dobbs, of this church, officiated.

First to enter by separate isles were Miss Mary Hamrick, junior bridesmaid, dressed in orchid georgette, and Colonel Samuel J. Boykin, groomsmen. Next came Miss Bess Harman, dressed in a bouffant costume of light blue changeable taffeta, and Colonel Buford F. Boykin. Then entered the maid of honor, Miss Olive Askew, of Atlanta, Ga., dressed in a lovely gown of yellow georgette with touches of blue and pink and silver headress. Little Misses Helen Hamrick and Mildred Miller, nieces of the bride, were daintily dressed in blue and yellow taffeta as they scattered rose petals in the path of the bride. Little James David Miller, in white satin, entered bearing the organ in the heart of a huge chrysanthemum. From the left isle came the matron of honor, Mrs. George L. Hamrick, of Atlanta, Ga., beautiful in her attire of pink georgette.

The beautiful bride entered the church on the arm of her father, Dr. James D. Hamrick. She was most lovely in her gown of white satin and lace, her veil becomingly arranged with a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a gorgeous bride shower bouquet made of white roses and lily of the valley. The groom, accompanied by his best man, Harvey Beal, of Carrollton, entered opposite the bride. The bridesmaids' flowers were large bouquets of pink roses and maidenhair fern tied with pink tulle.

Miss Brown, as Miss Hamrick, is the oldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James D. Hamrick, of Carrollton, Ga. Dr. Hamrick is past grand master of Georgia. Mr. Brown is a prominent citizen of Carrollton. His father, the late Colonel W. F. Brown, was a pioneer of Carroll county.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for Atlanta. On their return to Carrollton they will be at home to their many friends at 84 Cedar street.

**Miss Eleanor Terhune
Is Guest of Honor.**

Miss Eleanor Terhune was honor guest at the dancing party at which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Westervelt Terhune, were hosts Monday afternoon at the Club de Vingt, on Third street.

Christmas decorations were used in effective arrangement.

Miss Terhune was assisted in entertaining by Miss Margaret Bryan and the guests included the members of the Tuesday afternoon dancing class.

**Miss Elizabeth Willett
Honored at Tea.**

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hopkins English were hosts Sunday afternoon at a lovely informal tea at their home on Ridgewood drive in honor of their sister, Miss Elizabeth Willett, who is spending the holidays in Atlanta.

Invited to meet Miss Willett were Miss Florence Underwood, Miss Grace Barner, Miss Mildred Barner, Harvey Smith, Jr., Newton Underwood, Marion Camp, Guy Woolford, Fritz Stenard and Carter Whitaker.

Society to Attend New Year's Eve Dance at Biltmore

The New Year's eve celebration at the Atlanta Biltmore hotel next Friday evening, December 31, will be one of the most brilliant occasions of the holiday season. Dinner will be served in the ballroom and the main dining room and three orchestras will play for the dancing, which will continue until a late hour.

There will be exquisite imported souvenirs for all guests present. Among those who have made reservations are:

R. B. Pegram, William Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. William Lohse, Mrs. David Mitchell, Bruce Higginbotham, Ray Kline, Ernest Daley, Dr. John B. Fitts, L. W. Seymour, W. V. Kingdon, George Walker, Arthur Harris, Harold Coolidge, Elsas Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Candler, Frank Merriam, George Rosser, Mrs. Arthur Chase, George C. Speir, E. D. Sturdivant, Donald Oberdorfer, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Gwin, George Ripley and Eugene Harrington.

**School Girls Honored
At Informal Tea.**

A group of school girls including Misses Susan Broyles and Marion Bryan were honored by Miss Julia Meador at an open house Sunday evening, beginning at 6 o'clock, at her home on Peachtree circle.

Assisting the charming hostess in entertaining were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Meador, Major and Mrs. R. L. Meador.

Several hundred members of the college society set called between the hours of 6 and 11 o'clock.

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Society Assembles To Attend Opening of Erlanger Theater

The first night audience attending the formal opening of the new Erlanger theater on Peachtree street Monday evening was composed of prominent Georgians, Atlanta visitors, the women wearing the most elaborate evening gowns which were made even more colorful against the regulation dress suits worn by the gentlemen present. Several thousand assembled to witness the presentation of Earl Carroll's "Vanities," which christened the handsome playhouse, and there has seldom been a more auspicious occasion on the mid-winter social calendar.

Old Favorites Greeted.
The cast of over 100 splendidly trained professionals sang and danced their way into popular favor, while hearty applause greeted those old favorites, Lou Powers and Bert Swor, at the same time graciously welcoming the other important members of the company including Louise Brooks, Lew Mill, John Coyle, Alice Bradford, Mary Dowling, Kenneth Lackey, Almee Archer, Johnny Dove, Rocco, Harry Sharpe, Beth Stone, Walter Hamilton, John Kirk, Mary Mansfield, Emma Dean, Virginia May, Mae Valle, Billie Menzies, Fabe Bryant, Marie Goode and Ray Kavanaugh.

The ultra-modern foyer, carpeted in velvety richness, was thronged between the acts with members of the audience promenading, and voicing their approval to one another, the beauty and comfort of the new playhouse, to which Atlanta points with pride.

New Jersey Visitors.
Mr. and Mrs. John S. Owens entertained in compliment to their guests Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Hall, of Morristown, N. J., and invited to meet them were Miss Mildred Gates, of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. W. B. Price-Smith, of Donovon Owens and F. M. Byrd.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Rayfield, Mr. and Mrs. John Smathers and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Rayfield formed a congenial theater party.

Mr. and Mrs. James Meegan, of Washington, D. C., who are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William A. Speer, were honor guests in Miss Annie Flynn's party.

Among others present were Dr. and Mrs. Dunbar Roy, Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Elkin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Alston, Mrs. Frank W. Hall, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. W.

F. Winecoff, A. L. Erlanger, Raymond C. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Orme Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips McDuffie, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McGonigal, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Belser, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dannels, Mrs. Joseph F. Gatins, Mrs. J. J. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. H. Albert, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Tompkins, Mrs. Stacey Earnest Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. English, Mrs. Leonard J. Goddard, Mrs. Leonora Jeehan Raines, of Paris, France; Mrs. Joseph N. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Walton Forgy, Mrs. E. K. Van Vinkle, Mr. and Mrs. Edwards S. Chadwick, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph T. Jones, Miss Jennie Robinson, Miss Ida Sadler, Mr. Mary Sadler, Miss Rebecca Ashcraft, Miss Harriet Shelden, Henry Grady, Jr., Thomas Tupper, Al Thornwell, Jack Sharp, J. F. Gatins, Jr.

Miss Sarah Davis Honored at Tea.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Davis were hosts on Sunday afternoon at a tea in honor of their lovely young daughter, Miss Sarah Davis, who returned for the holidays from Randolph-Macon college.

Holly and evergreens were used to decorate the charming home and large baskets of poinsettias added a bright note of color to the occasion. Miss Davis was assisted in entertaining by her brother, Frank Davis, and a group of girls, including Misses Augustus Porter, Sarah Foote, Sarah Sharpe and Hannah Sterne.

Miss Davis, honoree, received her guests wearing a frock of red georgette and her mother wore a modish gown of black velvet.

Mrs. Arthur Tufts Honors Her Son.

Mrs. Arthur Tufts entertained at her home, Woodland, last Friday at a dancing party, complimenting her son, Arthur Tufts, who has returned from Episcopal High school, near Alexandria, Va., for the holidays.

Poinsettia and narcissi blossoms decorated the house and the table in the dining room was adorned with an arrangement of red carnations, valley lilies and silver candlesticks held red candles.

Mrs. Alston Honors Miss Smith At Luncheon Thursday

Miss Josephine Smith, who has returned from college to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Grant Smith, at their home on Peachtree road, will be honor guest at the luncheon at which Mrs. Robert C. Alston will entertain Thursday, December 30, at the Athletic club on Carnegie way.

Invited to meet Miss Smith are Misses Augusta Porter, Laurie Hoke, Mary Goldard, Jacquelin Moore, Caroline Sadler, Cornelia Orme and Marion Bryan.

Following luncheon Mrs. Alston will entertain at a theater party in compliment to her guests.

College Park News Items.

The members of the Epworth League presented the beautiful pageant, "Holy Night," Sunday evening at the First Methodist church.

The Baptist Philanthia club of the College Park church held a reunion on Thursday evening, at church home.

On last Tuesday evening Mrs. A. L. Slade entertained in honor of Clyde E. Wilson, who left this week for his home in Honolulu, Hawaii.

A beautiful affair of this past week was the Christmas tree party at which members of the "1926" club entertained at home of Miss Pauline Trimble. This is an annual event sponsored by the club members, Miss Trimble was assisted in entertaining by her sister, Miss Christine Trimble.

An event of Thursday evening was the Christmas party at which Mr. and Mrs. Gartrell Webb entertained the Rugby Avenue Bridge club. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson made top scores.

Miss Maybelle Barrett and Miss Martha Barrett entertained at dinner Sunday evening in honor of several college girl friends, who are spending Christmas holidays at home. The guests included Miss Sara Stillman, Miss Frances Lawrence, Miss Evelyn Northcutt and Miss Louise Stokely.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Evans and daughter, Margaret, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Barrett.

Mrs. J. C. Woodward entertained at an informal tea at the Atlanta Woman's club Thursday in compliment to her two young daughters, Miss Grace Woodward and Miss Marjorie Woodward, who returned this week from Lucy Cobb to spend the holidays with their parents.

Miss Frances Gohson, of Wintumka, Ala., is the guest of Mrs. W. W. Bateman.

Mrs. E. W. Sitton has returned from New Orleans.

Miss Grace Tunlin, of LaGrange, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Tunlin.

Mrs. A. L. Slade, Miss Lucile Slade and Howell Slade are guests of S. A. Howell at Zebulon, Ga., during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robinson, of Dublin, Ga., and Miss Emma Payton, of Lancaster, S. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Proctor.

Henry Neil, a student of the University of Georgia, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. R. Neil.

Dr. J. F. Crane, of Rochester, Minn., and Miss Mary Crane, of Wicross, Ga., are guests of Mrs. Virginia Crane.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Q. Trimble, Misses Pauline and Christine Trimble left Tuesday for a motor trip to Monticello, Ga., and Florida points.

E. W. Oliver, of Savannah, Ga., is spending this week with his family, Fuller Whitman, of the Southern Junior college at Goltwah, Tenn., is the guest of his parents, Colonel and Mrs. George P. Whitman.

Miss Elizabeth Northerton left last week to spend the holidays in Monticello, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wall and young son are in Hartwell, Ga., this week-end.

Miss Sara Stillman of Agnes Scott, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Hubert Jacobs, of Jacksonville, Fla., is the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Olds.

Miss Frances Harrison, who has been attending Shorter college, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ella Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dodd and Ralph, Jr., are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Hartwell, Ga.

DAILY CALENDAR WOMEN'S MEETINGS

The regular meeting of Martha chapter, O. E. S., will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The regular monthly luncheon of the Atlanta better films committee will be held at 12:30 o'clock at the Henry Grady hotel.

Kirkwood chapter, No. 223, O. E. S., will hold a public installation of officers for 1927 immediately after a short session at the regular meeting this evening.

The regular meeting of the East Atlanta chapter, No. 108, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held this evening.

There will be the regular monthly meeting of the Grady hospital auxiliary at the nurses' home.

A benefit bridge, sponsored by the T. N. T. Young Judean club, will be held at the Jewish Women's clubhouse, corner Clark and Washington streets, at 3 o'clock.

SOCIAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Allen and children, of Tallulah, who have been holiday guests of Mrs. Allen's mother, Mrs. Anna Wells, of Peoples street, motored home Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Barton, of Abbeville, Ga., returned to her home in Valdosta Monday.

Miss Maude Wells left Sunday to spend several days with friends at Cumberland island on a hunting trip.

Carlyle Brooks has returned from a stay of several days at Manchester.

Mrs. C. V. Goodwyn continues ill at her apartment in the Blackstone.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Singleton are spending the holiday season in Ensley, Ala.

Henry T. Brookshire will move to Barnesville for residence January 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Tucker, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Anna Lena, on December 21. She has been given the name of Anna Lena.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills Maclean announce the birth of a daughter on Sunday, December 26, in Savannah, Ga., who has been given the name of Elizabeth Armond, for her maternal grandmother.

Miss Josephine Rainwater, formerly of Atlanta but now residing in Sherman, is spending the holidays with relatives in Dallas, Texas.

W. W. Gaines has returned from a short visit to Smyrna.

Dr. Charles C. Smith, of Windsor, N. C., will leave January 1 to spend several months in Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. Albert Irwin Almond and Albert, Jr., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Almond's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Nelson, in Monticello, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Sturges have returned to their home in New York after spending the holidays in Atlanta with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. T. Quinby, at their home on Peachtree circle.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. John, of Daytona Beach, Fla., are guests at the Biltmore hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stroud, of Suffolk, Va., are guests at the Biltmore.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ewing Woodhouse, of New York, is an attractive visitor at the Atlanta-Biltmore hotel, who is spending the holiday season in Atlanta. Mrs. Woodhouse is en route to Orlando, Fla., where she will spend the remainder of the winter with her mother, Mrs. Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Merker are spending the holidays in Atlanta with friends.

William S. Lamar and Donald L. McCafferty, of Daytona Beach, Fla., are spending the holidays with Mrs. Mary McCafferty and Tris McKenzie at the family home on Clifton road.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wellhouse and Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Steinhardt are stopping at the Shellburne hotel, Atlantic City.

Miss Harriet Shelden, Miss Rebecca Ashcraft, Charlie Tuller, Dan Conklin and Jack Sharp have returned from America, Ga., where they went on a motor trip Sunday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Harrell and Frank Harrell.

Mrs. J. F. Finley and son, Jim Finley, of Chattanooga, Tenn., are among the recent arrivals at the Hotel Georgian Terrace.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Porter spent the holidays in Miami, Fla.

Mrs. Lollie Markham Pickett, who has spent two years in Europe, is expected to arrive in Atlanta the latter part of the week, and will visit Dr. and Mrs. Bates Block at their home on Peachtree road.

Harold J. Brady, of Richmond, Va., is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. T. M. Brady, at the Hotel Georgian Terrace.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Hall, of Morristown, N. J., are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Owens, at their home on Eleventh street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Rosenbloom, of New York City, are spending several days at the Hotel Georgian Terrace.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Clarke, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Daniel left Sunday on a motor trip through Florida. They will visit Dr. and Mrs. John Burdine in Miami, and will spend New Year's eve at the new Breakmore at Palm Beach, where they will be entertained at a dinner party.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Chase, of Columbus, Ga., are the guests of their son, W. F. Chase, at Hotel Winecoff, for the holidays.

Mrs. George B. Truett, of Marion, Ind., is the guest of Mrs. Edwin Beaver, at her home in 750 Ponce de Leon Avenue apartments.

Charlton M. Theus returned to his home in Savannah Sunday evening after spending Christmas in Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Weinmeister announce the birth of a son December 20 at Georgia Baptist hospital, who has been given the name of William Reeves. His paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl J. Wein-

Miss Dora Williams Weds Mr. Edwards.

Marion, Ga., December 27.—A marriage of interest to a wide circle of friends was that of Miss Dora Williams and Allen Greer Edwards, which took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. John Alvin Williams, in Lafayette, Ala., December 11, at high noon. Upon their return from their wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Edwards will be at home at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. A. M. Edwards, at 402 Cherokee street.

Miss Frances Forrest Smith left Thursday for St. Louis, Mo., where she will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Mrs. W. A. DuPre, William and Banks DuPre are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. R. Banks, in Gainesville, Ga.

Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Elder, Mae Fowler and Dr. C. L. McCleskey are spending Christmas week near Brunswick, deer hunting.

Mr. and Mrs. John Crouch and children are spending the holidays with relatives in Dawson, Ga.

Judge and Mrs. S. C. Atkinson are spending the holidays with relatives in Thomasville, Ga.

Hugh D. Anderson is visiting his mother, Mrs. Alice Anderson.

Mrs. W. H. Paul and Miss Nancy Foster, of Madison, Ga., are week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wade, on Church street.

Miss Sara Frances Northcutt, of Birmingham, Ala., arrived Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Northcutt.

John McCollum, of Young Harris college, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. D. McCollum, on Whitlock avenue.

Miss Lena Long Is Honor Guest.
Miss Lizzie McCauley entertained at a breakfast Saturday morning at her home in the McGowan apartments on Juniper street in compliment to Miss Lena Long.

An exquisite arrangement of red roses formed the central decoration of the lace-covered table, and covers were laid for eight guests.

Miss Bernice Ivey Weds Mr. Minter.
Mr. and Mrs. Ira O. Ivey, of Conyers, Ga., announce the marriage of their daughter, Bernice, to William Byron Minter December 26.

Many Luncheon Parties Given at Biltmore.
A number of informal luncheons were given Monday in the main dining room of the Atlanta Biltmore.

Dodd Cain Entertains Visitors at Dinner.
Dodd Cain entertained at a bachelor dinner Sunday, December 26, at his home on Sheridan drive, in honor of James Hargrave, of Dallas, Texas, and Thomas Body, of Orlando, Fla.

Covers were laid for James Hargrave, Thomas Body, Luke Cain, Bert Jenkins, Skeet Archer, Charles Connally, Jack Branch, Charles Romines, Garland Hardwick, Frank Etheridge, Julian Still and Dodd Cain.

Special Program To Be Given at Hospital 48.
Tuesday an entertaining program will be presented from 7:30 to 9 o'clock at the Red Cross hut, hospital 48, under the auspices of the Atlanta Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. R. K. Rambo, president, and Mrs. H. M. Nichols, chairman soldier relief, Deneen McCormack, clever young violinist, will play and other numbers will be furnished by professional talent.

hotel. The Phi Mu fraternity had the largest table, entertaining 30 guests at their annual Christmas luncheon. Mrs. Wayne Patterson, of Columbus, national historian of Phi Mu was an honor guest. Mrs. John W. Turner was chairman.

Mrs. Irvin Cobb, of New York, was honor guest in a party which included Mrs. Henry Blun, of Savannah; Mrs. Marcus S. Baker and Mrs. W. W. May.

Mrs. Edward Ansley, a recent bride, was lunching with Mrs. Louis Gregg and Mrs. Mary G. Miller.

Joint Hosts Give Family Dinner Party.
Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. West entertained at family dinner Christmas day at their home in Ansley Park. Holly wreaths, poinsettias and winter green berries were used as decoration, the dining table having as a centerpiece a beautiful basket of poinsettias.

Covers were laid for twelve. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. West, Miss Edith West, Mrs. S. A. Campbell, Mrs. A. B. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Turner, Warren West, Charles West, Jr., and Arthur McCoy, of the Philippines.

Miss Harvey Weds Rev. R. L. McTier.
An event characterized by charm and simplicity was the marriage of Miss Julia Maria Harvey, of Avera, Ga., to Rev. Roy L. McTier, of Vidette, Ga., December 24, at high noon, at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of the immediate families and a few close friends.

The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, Rev. John McTier. During the ceremony "To a Wild Rose" was rendered by Miss Lona McTier, sister of the groom.

Mrs. McTier is the charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harvey, of Avera, Ga. She is a graduate of Georgia State college for Women, and a member of the high school faculty of Vidette, Ga.

Rev. McTier is a son of Rev. and Mrs. John McTier, of Sparks, Ga. He is a graduate of Asbury college and a prominent young preacher of the South Georgia conference.

After an extensive wedding tour of northern points last, Mr. and Mrs. McTier will be at home to their many friends in Vidette, Ga., where Rev. McTier is now pastor.

Second Baptist Board To Meet Thursday.
The executive board of the Women's Missionary and Benevolent society of the Second Baptist church

will be the guests of Mrs. Carter Helm Jones on Penn avenue. The session is called for 10 o'clock Thursday morning, December 30.

Miss Carson Given Informal Tea.

Louise Carson, the guest of Miss Peggy Porter, was honored by Louis Rucker Sunday at a delightful afternoon tea at his home on West Eleventh street.

Mr. Rucker was assisted in entertaining by his aunt, Miss Frances Newman.

During the afternoon a number of friends called to meet the honor guest.



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INSTALLMENT XX.
A BAD JAM.

One fact at least was obvious enough to Bengal, that he was in a bad jam from which the prospect of getting out alive was far from bright. The guard was taking no chances with so powerful a prisoner and one who bore himself so free-spoken and undismayed. The man followed on at so close a distance as to make a miss impossible, his rifle at port arms, yet far enough behind Bengal so that any attempt to launch a surprise attack would have been suicidal. After him came Irma, dangling the marlin spike by its lanyard. From time to time she made little exclamations of vexation as some thorn, unperceived, pricked through her light flannels or chic silk stockings. Bengal thought of Carillon, hunted through that fearful thicket, an abatis of the most cruel sort, torn and bleeding and half naked, harried like a runaway slave girl of early days by a hairy brute of a drunken conch-blower, finally to be captured and borne away, helpless, by this wretched beast who now held Bengal's life so lightly under his trigger finger, determined, no doubt, to snuff it out as soon as the use of him was over.

These dark thoughts had flitted through his head like bats before the stretch of bare rock was reached. In formation this was a sort of



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buttress for the hillock, and the crest of it offered a view of the north-western and western shore of the little bay.

It was here that Bengal proved the first of his theories, that the pirates were confident of being able to get their boat off the rocks. This also explained what further had puzzled him, the satisfaction of Irma and the guard at his positive statement as to the only way in which this could be accomplished, this followed by their mocking rejection of his offer. For there, at anchor, a little off the stretch of sandy beach, and sheltered by a cluster of rocks and the shoal water of the bank, lay a broadbeamed, light draughted sloop of about ten tons, evidently a native sponger. She had a motor, Bengal perceived from the five or six gasoline tins lashed against her cabin house, a reserve for the tanks.

This craft, small as she was, would do the trick, Bengal felt confident. All that was needed was a strong, slack line made fast to the after bits of both, the sloop given scope enough to gather way and fetch up with a snub. Then, as he watched, the exhaust of the sponger began to volley in short, white puffs. They were making preparations for the attempt, although the tide was only about three hours on the flood.

His eye was then caught by a square green patch against the duller green of the vegetation that flanked the hillock over to his left. That would be the bivouac, a shelter from the sun, rigged from the cruiser's awning. Nobody was in sight, but a thin swirl of smoke eddied up in the flax of the gusty wind.

Irma had come up ahead of where Bengal stood, staring down, with a sinking heart. "There, you see, m'sieur," she said, a flit of triumph in her voice. "We are not so badly off as you have us believe." They are getting ready to do just what you have advised. Then we may go, leaving this pretty isle to you and Mam'selle. Un paradis adevu." Her light hazel eyes gleamed at him maliciously. "If you find that you are still in love with her, of course."

That freezing chill spread up inside Bengal again. He started to speak, to cry out honestly the vital question in his mind, then checked himself. His jaws set grimly. Irma was watching him with a sort of evil relish.

"You must remember, of course, that she, too, is a thief, m'sieur. In her society they call it by a different name, but just the same she is a thief. As much as I, or Tony, here. Is that not so, Tony?"

The man drew down the corners of his thin lipped mouth. "Worse, I'll say. She never needed it."

For all his agony of spirit, Bengal could not deny the truth of this last statement. Poor Carillon. Poor beleaguered soul. And the price to pay. But he did not for a moment believe Irma's information that Carillon and he were to be left on the island. He had not missed the cruel malice in her pale eyes, nor the lurid, homicidal light in Tony's. But now a fresh problem was presented, that of why he had not been already murdered. What need could they have of him with the sponger and her crew? Two men, or even one at a pinch, could manage the job of hauling the cruiser clear. Why, then, risk the constant menace of himself?

Bengal could not guess, nor did he try. Then, as they stood there, gaining breath after the short, steep climb, Irma, who was French and loquacious, gave him a hint of the answer. She asked him his name. Bengal gave it in full.

Irma struck her palms together softly. "Ca-y-est. That is it." She turned to Tony, triumphantly. "That is the name she has repeat over and over in her sleep, but it sounds like 'Boongle.' He is the man she loves. Not for what he give her but for himself. Her amant de coeur. She will do what he say."

"Maybe..." The vulture face turned slowly and glared malevolently at Bengal. "And if she don't..."

But Bengal scarcely heard him. His observant eyes, whetted at this moment, like his other special senses, to razor edge, had caught and read a significant detail about the weapon carried by the man and held, alertly ready for instant use. Bengal had recognized it at first glance as a governmental service arm, the 30-06 gun manufactured by Uncle Sam and with which, in 1903, his fighting force, army, navy, and marine, was equipped. Bengal remembered that Boyd, on exhibiting his arms, had mentioned that this weapon could be purchased only by civilians who were members of the National Rifle association.

Bengal had become familiar with this arm as a military weapon, employed it as such for some months in Flanders and in Alsace. This gun is equipped with a safety lock which turns in the arc of a half circle. At "ready" the thumbpiece lies at a right angle to the left, another notch holding it vertically, while at "safe" it lies at a right angle to the right, the vertical position being safe also but ready to throw to either side.

What now caught Bengal's attention was that, as Tony held the rifle ready for instant use, the safety lock was thrown to "safe." The significance of this was enormous; caused Bengal's heart to catch its step. He knew from experience that the natural impulse of a man unfamiliar with this weapon would be to press the lock, not to the left but to the right, because the ball of the thumb is opposed to it on that side as the right hand holds the small of the stock. But Tony would have no reason nor intention at this moment to carry the arm at "safe." Tony believed the rifle to be ready for instant action.

The sudden consciousness that one is imperatively required to leap and to strike and to slay reacts differently on different individuals. Confronted by an armed burglar, bandit, military or civil enemy, in the knowledge that one must kill quickly or be killed, the reaction is apt to be instinctive, if one reacts at all.

In such cases the nervous emotion harks far back to a savage impulse that is in most cases a combination of fear and rage, blood lust, and the urge for close contact. In the lower animals of battling sort fear is always accompanied by rage. Trainers of wild animals tell us that a frightened beast is a dangerous beast; in fact, that most lions and tigers and leopards are not dangerous until frightened.

The same holds true to some extent with men. But there may be cases where the rage is in the nature of a righteous one, with no fear at all, or perhaps even the glow of exultation in the redressing of a foul wrong. Vengeance also may have its fearless ecstasy.

In Bengal's case there surged up now a combination of these last conditions. Here guarding him vigilantly, was a filthy desperado who had, from greed alone, attacked a party of peaceful folk who had never done him any ill, tried to sink their vessel, subjected them to abuse and indignity, marooned all but one to die of thirst on a desert patch of sand and stone, and retained custody of that one to further his protection. He had maltreated this young girl to an extent that Bengal could not determine, but before Bengal's very eyes he had hounded her through the thorny scrub, bleeding and half naked; run her to earth, then carried off her senseless form as a hunter does his quarry.

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(Continued tomorrow.)

Just Nuts



Aunt Het



"I reckon the honeymoon is over when a man begins to despise seeing damp washings in the bathroom." (Copyright, 1926, for The Constitution.)

THE GUMPS—PASSED BY THE BOARD OF CENSORSHIP

BE ON YOUR GUARD! THAT'S THE BEST ADVICE I CAN GIVE YOU—YOU CAN INSURE YOUR LIFE—YOUR CAR—AND YOUR BUSINESS—BUT WHEN A WIDOW STARTS TO CHASE A RICH MAN LIKE YOU THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SAVE HIM IS THE UNDERTAKER—



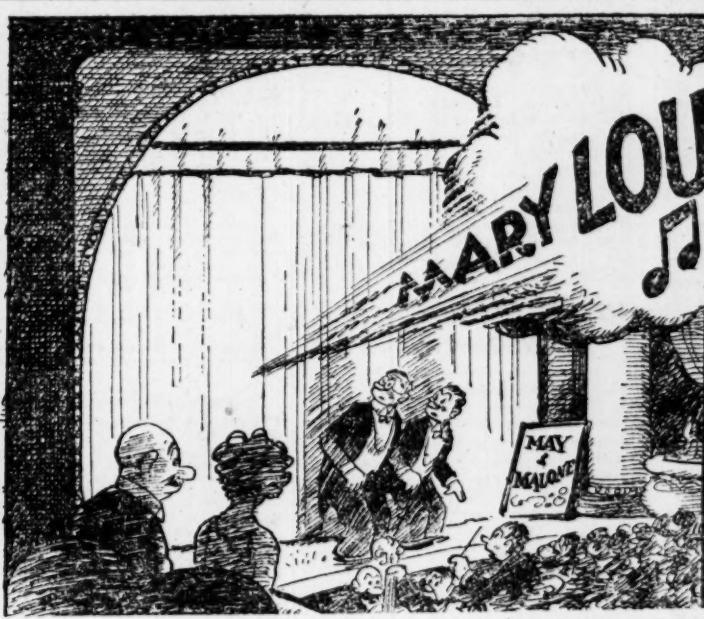
IT'S FROM THE WIDOW—I CAN SEE THROUGH HER LIKE AN OPEN WINDOW—THE MINUTE I LAID MY EYES ON THIS BOOK OF POEMS—I KNEW IT WAS ANOTHER RIVET FOR THE TRAP—AND SHE INSCRIBES IT—'TO ONE OF NATURE'S NOBLEMEN WITH HEARTFELT WISHES FOR YOUR CONTINUED HAPPINESS—HEAVEN EYES'—



HA! HA! SHE'S AS FULL OF SENTIMENT AS A GOLDEN WEDDING—USING MUSH FOR A BAIT IS A GOOD WAY TO CATCH GOLD FISH—INSTEAD OF POETRY SHE SHOULD HAVE SENT HIM A COPY OF THE FATAL WEDDING INSCRIBED TO MY LAST CHANCE—WITH BEST WISHES FOR THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF YOUR BANK ROLL—FOXY EYES—



MOON MULLINS—THE DRAMATIC CRITIC

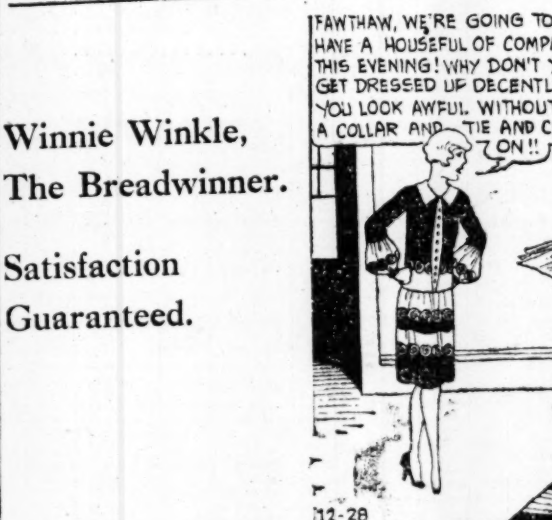
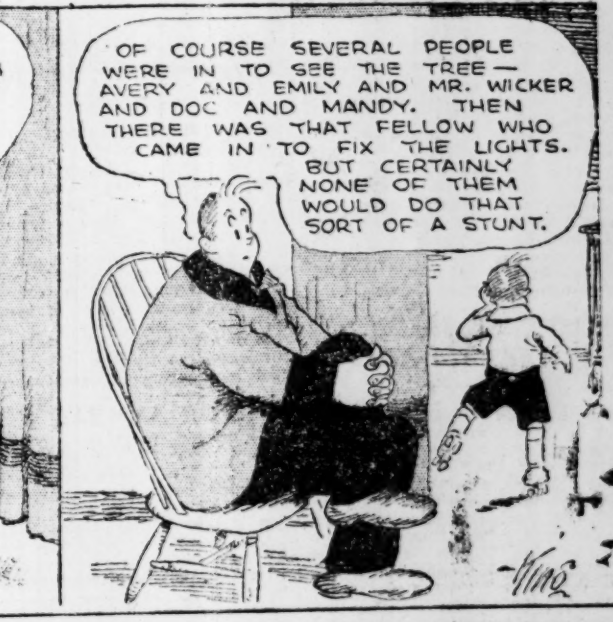


SOMEBODY'S STENOGRAPHER—Helpful Suggestions

By Hayward



GASOLINE ALLEY—STILL A MYSTERY



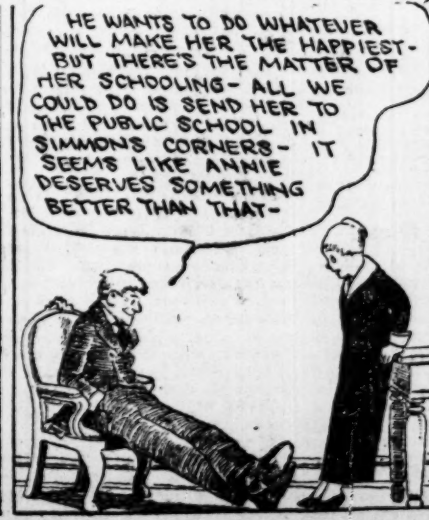
Winnie Winkle, The Breadwinner.

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

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LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE—

True Love.



Stocks Hammered Down After Strength at Opening

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a small fraction of its record top, then was forced lower. General Motors dropped from 160 3-8 to 157 3-8, closing near the bottom.

Oils displayed a fairly strong undertone with good buying noted in the General Asphalt and Pan-American is-

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suces. About a dozen issues attained
new 1926, k prices during the ses-
sion, the list including Liggett &
Myers, A. & B., Abraham & Straus,
Julius Kayser, Dupont, Coca-Cola,
Eastman Kodak, Chicago Pneumatic
Tool, Electric Boat, and General
Outdoor Advertising certificates.

Commodities Steady. The principal commodity markets held steady. Active wheat futures advanced about half a cent a bushel with special news to influence the price movement. Cotton advanced 16 to 22 points net higher with some of the buying probably influenced by reports of bad weather in Texas. Coffee and Sugar prices were practically unchanged.

Money renewed at 5 1/2 per cent and held steady at that figure all day although banks called about \$15,000,000 in loans. Time money was a shade higher, being quoted at 4 5/8 to 4 3/4 instead of on a flat 4 3/4 per cent basis. Prime commercial paper was 4 1/2 to 4 3/4.

Foreign exchanges held steady in quiet trading. Demand sterling was quoted at 147 1/2, the dollar at 24 1/2, the francs around 335 ctes. and the guilder established "pegged price" fixed by the French government. Other changes were nominal.

Heavy losses were inflicted Chemiel, which broke from 143 7/8 to 139 1/2 in late trading and then recovered about half its loss, was accompanied by a sharp decline in the price of dividend action would be taken by directors at their meeting tomorrow.

Balford dropped from 167 1/4 to 162 1/2 and rebounded to 164 1/2, selling at 27 1/2 net. U. S. Steel approached within a small fraction of its record top of 160 1/2 and then eased to 157 1/2. General Motors and Chrysler tumbled from 160 1/2 to 157 1/2, closing near the bottom.

An early upturn in railroad stocks prompted a demand for some of the popular "blue chips" of the market.

were irregularly distributed and in several instances converted into losses before the close. New York, Ontario & Western general 4s, Norfolk & Western divisional 4s, Louisville &

Foreign obligations were sluggish without showing any signs of weakness. The best buying support was

extended to the French issues whose attractiveness apparently has been enhanced by the so-called pre-stabilization of the franc. Mexican bonds also were slightly higher.

ification Gains Survey Reveals

marked expansion. In 1923 (the latest year for which complete figures are available) the tax states produced

about one-half a billion dollars worth of lumber and about 77 million dollars worth of furniture. This section now has over one billion dollars invested in the textile industry alone. The gross value of manufactures has grown more rapidly than the gross

value of farm products. In the census year 1923 value of manufactures was over \$4,980,000,000, an increase of 307 per cent over 1904 and 196 per cent over 1909. (Table E.)

Total Value Eight Billion.
Taking the 1923 gross value of manufacturers and mineral production (latest available census figures) and the 1925 gross value of farm products, the grand total of all products combined was approximately \$8,509,000.

000. Of this total manufactures represented 58.5 per cent farm products exclusive of lint cotton 27.8 per cent, and minerals 5.2 per cent. The value of the 1925 cotton crop was only 8.5 per cent of the total gross value of all products in these 10 states.

The world consumption of cotton tends to advance to higher levels despite temporary breaks due to economic upheavals such as the world war. The south must maintain a higher crop average than that of the previous period if it is to hold its

pre-war period it is to hold its position as the world's leading cotton producing section. Farming is being put on a more scientific basis. The agricultural colleges are teaching new and better methods to the southern farmer. These improved methods will tend to increase the yield per acre

and so release labor and capital for productive employment in diversified agriculture and manufacturing. As the production of cotton becomes relatively less important there will ensue a conversion of the land to other uses, stimulation of manufacturing,

and a movement of labor from the farms into the factories.

Sugar.

New York, December 27. — Raw sugar market quiet today and in absence of business prices were unchanged at \$3.08 for Cuban low white.

Price movements in raw futures were narrow and irregular. Issuance of 75 January notices led to considerable liquidation of that position which was generally lower throughout the session, while later deliveries were steady on covering and European buying. The close was 2 points lower to 2 points net higher. Approximate sales, 35,000 tons, a good portion of which was

Refined was unchanged at \$6.10@6.40 for fine granulated, with trading light.

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The Current

Market Trend

many of market and business conditions,—a valuable guide to all who buy or sell securi-

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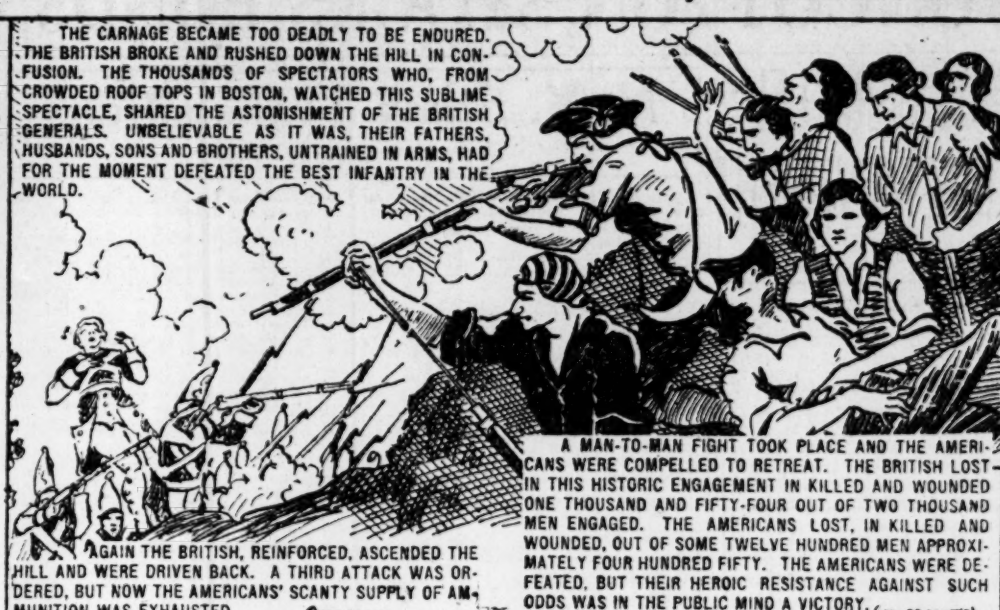
MEN WHO MADE THE WORLD

George Washington

NOTED HISTORIAN
By DR. ELLIOTT SHORING.

ON THE NIGHT OF THE 16th OF JUNE, 1200 AMERICAN SOLDIERS SECRETLY TOOK POSSESSION OF BUNKER HILL AND BREED'S HILL BACK OF CHARLESTOWN, JUST ACROSS FROM BOSTON, AND DURING THE NIGHT THREW UP BREASTWORKS.

THESE VETERAN SOLDIERS OF EUROPEAN BATTLE-FIELDS, IN FINE MILITARY ARRAY, SUPPORTED BY A CANNONADE FROM THEIR SHIPS, COMMENCED THE ASCENT OF THE HILL, CROUCHING BEHIND THEIR BREASTWORKS, THE AMERICANS TOOK DELIBERATE AIM AND AWAITED THE ORDER TO FIRE. NOT UNTIL THE RED COATS WERE WITHIN THIRTY PACE WAS THE SIGNAL GIVEN. THEN A VOLCANO OF FIRE BURST FROM THE AMERICAN INTRENCHMENTS. THE SLAUGHTER OF THE BRITISH WAS AWFUL. BUT WITH A DISCIPLINED VALOR, CHARACTERISTIC OF THE ENGLISH, THE RED COATS CONTINUED TO ADVANCE, IN THE FACE OF A STREAM OF FIRE THAT MOWED THEM DOWN BY RANKS.



THE CARNAGE BECAME TOO DEADLY TO BE ENDURED. THE BRITISH BROKE AND RUSHED DOWN THE HILL IN CONFUSION. THE THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS WHO, FROM CROWDED ROOF TOPS IN BOSTON, WATCHED THIS SUBLIME SPECTACLE, SHARED THE ASTONISHMENT OF THE BRITISH GENERALS. UNBELIEVABLE AS IT WAS, THEIR FATHERS, HUSBANDS, SONS AND BROTHERS, UNTRAINED IN ARMS, HAD FOR THE MOMENT DEFEATED THE BEST INFANTRY IN THE WORLD.

A MAN-TO-MAN FIGHT TOOK PLACE AND THE AMERICANS WERE COMPELLED TO RETREAT. THE BRITISH LOST IN THIS HISTORIC ENGAGEMENT IN KILLED AND WOUNDED ONE THOUSAND AND FIFTY-FOUR OUT OF TWO THOUSAND MEN ENGAGED. THE AMERICANS LOST IN KILLED AND WOUNDED SOME TWELVE HUNDRED MEN APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY. THE AMERICANS WERE DEFEATED, BUT THEIR HEROIC RESISTANCE AGAINST SUCH ODDS WAS IN THE PUBLIC MIND A VICTORY.

HIGH LIGHTS OF HISTORY

Registered U. S. Patent Office.



AMONG THE ANTI-SLAVERY EMIGRANTS TO KANSAS WAS JOHN BROWN, AN ARDENT ABOLITIONIST, WHO WITH HIS FIVE SONS HAD GONE WEST, RIFLE IN HAND, TO WIPE OUT SLAVERY. TO BROWN, THE ATTACK ON LAWRENCE (MAY 21ST, 1856), SEEMED TO CALL FOR A TERRIBLE VENGEANCE.



THREE DAYS LATER, BROWN, WITH A FEW COMPANIONS, RAIDED A SMALL PRO-SLAVERY SETTLEMENT ON POTTAWATAMIE CREEK AT NIGHT, DRAGGED FIVE MEN FROM THEIR BEDS AND SHOT THEM DOWN IN COLD BLOOD.

"Bleeding Kansas."



THE ATTACK ON LAWRENCE AND BROWN'S RETALIATION SPEEDILY USHERED IN A PERIOD OF GUERRILLA WARFARE BETWEEN THE FREE STATE AND PRO-SLAVERY PARTIES. ONE DEED OF VIOLENCE LED TO ANOTHER UNTIL THE TERRITORY BECAME KNOWN AS "BLEEDING KANSAS."

by J. CARROLL MANSFIELD

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JOSEPH WOLFE NAMED
JEWISH SOCIETY HEAD

Joseph B. Wolfe, president of the Lions club and prominent civic worker, was elected president of the local chapter of B'nai B'rith, a world-wide Jewish benevolent organization, at the annual meeting, held Thursday night at the Standard club.

ERLANGER
PEACHTREE AT NORTH AVENUE
TO-NIGHT & WEEK
MATINEES WEDNESDAY AND
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"The Lone Wolf Returns"
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"It Must Be Love"

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CORINNE GRIFFITH
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NEWS AND VIEWS
USUAL BARGAIN MATINEE
11 A. M. TO 1 P. M.
25 Cents

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CONTINUOUS 1 TO 11 P. M.

On the Stage at 8:30-9:00 P. M.

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THE BABY ONDSJANE AND CATHERINE
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FOUR STARTS 4

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BEAUTIFUL
NORMA SHEARER
"UPSTAGE"

A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture

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AMERICA'S GREATEST
BLACKFACE COMEDIANS
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Amusements

ERLANGER THEATER—Earl Carroll's

"The Poor Nut"

GEORGIA THEATRE—Kathleen Albee

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more need to see this most beautiful picture ever made. Mail orders for seats may be sent in now.

The Rialto.

"For Wives Only" at the Rialto, which, contrary to first impression, is not shown exclusively for the unfortunate members or vice versa of the fairer sex turned out to be a moderately clever and amusing farce and a decided relief from the usual type of "risque" picture.

Marie Prevost, who, it seems, always gives an excellent performance whatever the merit of the vehicle assigned to her, is featured in the principal role. She has in "For Wives Only" a role that is more suitable for her than one or two previous efforts.

Unlimited male support is furnished her in the picture by Victor Varconi, Arthur Hilly, Charles Gerard and Claude Gillingwater, running about neck and neck in performances.

The story is light enough and maintains a fairly even tempo save for a shade too much repetition in the "love" scenes between Miss Prevost and her three co-sidant gallants. The film drags at this point only.

It is almost entirely free from any taint of suggestiveness, and is so familiar to the average person, and so "cleanest" as a characteristic of the film.

A slapstick "Educational" comedy featuring Lige Conley and Estelle Bradley, the latter—well, no opportunity to inform you—being a former Atlanta is also in the principal role. It is a first night show Monday seemed to have "scopped" the town on the recent week.

Howard Theater.

It might be said at the outset that the title of the Howard offering, "Love, Em and Leave 'Em," is a box office embellishment only, having very little, if anything at all, to do with the story. This is one of the remarkably few vices of the photoplay.

The picture is blessed with intelligent performances on the part of its principal characters. Louise Brooks, who is, beyond doubt, the star, portrays the role of Janie, the selfish younger sister, in a manner that is as real as life itself. The role is familiar to the average person, and Miss Brooks makes the character familiarly true.

Evelyn Brent, who has heretofore appeared almost exclusively in mystery stories, vivifies the character of the drab almost colorless older sister, Lawrence Gray, in a manner that is familiar to the average person, and Miss Brooks makes the character familiarly true.

The story, which is a relic of the Paramount script writers of the stage play, is good throughout save for one or two too-melodramatic moments. The direction is unusually good. Considering everything, "Love, Em and Leave 'Em" seems to be the best screen play the Howard has shown in five or six weeks.

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sort of Public offering. There are, however, according to the taste of the Monday night show, a few places where the affair drags. Geraldine Ellis, soprano, sings two numbers in the most pleasing roles. It is a play of thrills, gasps, laughs and sighs, full of action.

—PAUL STEVENSON.

The Metropolitan.

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It is the old story of a girl who wants a stage career and still must be "good" and look after "little sister" who is almost invariably a tip-toeing flapper, and a blond. But the story is handled in such a novel manner that any triteness of plot is hardly recognizable. Synchopating Sue is a Bertie Clifton type of character, a New York tin pan alley and her one other big interest beside her stage career is the love of a cabaret trapeze artist, who is made an excellent screen character by the unusually good acting of Tom Moore.

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